

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



Third Sunday in Lent

March 7 & 8, 2026



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: Audrey (*Grandmother of Samantha Dehning*), Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Sue Cornett (*sister of Joanne LaChappell*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Karen & John Eberhardt (*sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark*), Donald Fehrenbacher (*father of Ashley Evans*), Jeff Fieldman, Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), JD Hall, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Jason (*nephew of Michelle Hinich*), Jeff Jones, Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Kellen (*family friend of Ryan & Jessica Kruse*), Peter Kelly (*friend of the Chmielowiec's*), Brent Klockenga (*cousin of Heather Thurston, nephew of Nancy Snedecor*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Don LaChappell, Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Les Naese (*father-in-law of Brian Malone*), Lynne Noffke, Donna Ohrt, Marilyn Ohrt (*friend of Deb Chmielowiec*), Caleb Outerbridge, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Kevin Schaumburg, Edith Schwark, Mallory Glazik-Sommer, Colter Strickland (*extended family of Hart/Pfeifer/Shute*), Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, and Jared Zimmerman (*son-in-law of Douglas & Tammy Gray*).

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: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425

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, kept 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.**

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L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

The Baptism of Henry Lee Janssen (*Saturday*)

(*LSB 268*)

Introit (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in 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.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Jeremiah 26:1–15

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ²“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

⁷The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*)

Psalm 9:19, 3

Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;

let the nations be judged before you!

When my enemies turn back,

they stumble and perish before your presence.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them;

⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ 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 \dagger 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;

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: Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

Distribution Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555

Distribution Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let to 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 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 -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

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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>
February 22 nd	60	74	134		\$ 4,534.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 90.00
March 1 st	39	70	109		\$ 4,241.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 90.00
Midweek Lent March 4 th			41			\$ 295.00	
Sunday School			21		\$ 4.00		
Bible Study	6	18	24				
High School Bible Study			0				

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 6,030.00

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.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent (Oculi) Luke 11:21–22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our stronger man. He guards and keeps us and ours. We have none to 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.

Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary. *Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.*

A Worship Service will be held at Villas at Herscher on Monday, March 9th at 3:00pm.

The March Circuit Winkel will be held at Peace Lutheran, Beecher on Tuesday, March 10th at 9:30am.

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm.

Midweek Lenten Worship services continue Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Pastor Brown and Pastor Wyeth of Zion, Bonfield are doing a pulpit rotation this Lenten season. This year's theme: *Surprising and Unusual Gifts from God*. Please join us.

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>
03/11	Taco Bar	Circle of Friends
03/18	Spaghetti	TLC Group
03/25	Italian Beef	Altar Guild

The LWML NID Zone 18 Board Meeting will be held at Trinity on Saturday, March 14th at 9:00am.

Dartball: Congratulations to Trinity's Team 2 taking 1st place for this season's league play. Congratulations to Trinity's Team 1 taking 1st place for this season's tournament. ***Trinity Herscher retains their titles!!!***

Little Lambs Preschool: It's time to register for preschool! Registration is now open to the community. Applications are available in the parish hall, church office, or from any member of the preschool staff or may be downloaded from the preschool website: littlelambsherscher.org/enrollment. Spots are filled in the order complete registrations are received. There are spots open for Pre-K 3am class. The Pre-K 4am class is full, a waiting list has been started for a Pre-K 4pm class.

Easter Candy Donations: The Board of Education is accepting candy donations for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. There is a bin in the Parish Hall for your donations. Thank you in advance!

Easter Sunday Breakfast: Following the Sunrise service (approx. 7:00am), the Church Council will serve a "Coffee-and" style Continental Easter Breakfast. Coffee, juice, coffee-cake, rolls, danish, other pastry items and egg casseroles will be served in the Parish Hall. The Council is asking for volunteers that would like to bake/cook favorite items to share that day. Bakers/cooks, please sign up in the Parish Hall by Sunday, March 29th and let us know what item you will be bringing so we may plan accordingly.

Herscher Council of Churches SOS! Bonnie Matherly is having an increasingly difficult time finding MOW (Meals on Wheels) drivers. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping, please contact her at 815-214-0174.

At this time, we're only delivering on M-W-F and the recipients are a very short drive from the Herscher Restaurant. Volunteers would be asked to drive one week every few months and they may choose the week that works best for them. Substitutes are available on days they can't make it.

Prairieview Walmart trip: We are looking for volunteers to help us with our March Walmart Trip this month. The trip will be on **Wednesday, March 18th**. The bus will load at Prairieview between 1:30-1:45, then leave for the Watseka Walmart at 2:00pm. We would need volunteers that could **meet us at Walmart around 2:30** and assist residents with their shopping. If you are interested, please call (815) 269-2970. Let Jared at Prairieview know if you have any questions!

Preschool Recess Equipment: **Parents please keep children out of the Preschool Recess Equipment room.** Due to misused and misplaced items, the equipment will be for Preschool use only. Arrangements may be made with the preschool director for use at church activities/events. We appreciate your cooperation.

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 03/08	2:00am	Set clocks ahead 1 hour-Daylight Savings time begins
	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	3:00pm	<i>Worship Service at Villas at Herscher</i>
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	9:30am	Circuit Winkel @ Peace, Beecher
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	5:00pm	Vocal Choir
	5:30-6:45pm	Meager Meal served
	5:45pm	Handbell Choir
	7:00pm	<i>Lenten Worship Service</i>
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Friday		
Saturday	9:00am	LWML Zone 18 Board Meeting
	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion w/ Janssen Baptism</i>
Sunday 03/15	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Jeremy Thurston (Sat.)

John Varvel (Sun.)

Next Week:

Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)

Mike Bruner (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Van Schwark (Sat.)

Bill Orr (Sun.)

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