

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14 & 15, 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, Jeanette Pfeifer, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Kevin Schaumburg, Edith Schwark, Mallory Glazik-Sommer, 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: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

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.

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

Psalm 122:1, 7

I was glad when they said to me,
“**Let us go to the house of the LORD!**”
Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!

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: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord *LSB 637*

Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread *LSB 625*

Distribution Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior *LSB 619*

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: God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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In Response to our Savior's Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
March 1 st	39	70	109		\$ 4,241.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 90.00
March 8 th	84	57	141		\$ 6,900.00	\$ 655.00	\$ 140.00
Midweek Lent March 11 th			34			\$ 295.00	
Sunday School			21		\$ 8.00		
Bible Study	7	23	30				
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 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare) **John 6:5** – “**Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’**” Of course Jesus knows the answer to that question — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. This knowledge 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.

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 2026 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.*

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.

Council Meeting: Due to the severe weather last Tuesday, the meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00pm.

Hannah Circle will meet Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30pm at the home of Maggie Noffke. Please read ahead "Hannah and Miriam" (pages 103-127) in our study book *The Women of the Bible Speak.* We will be collecting mites at this meeting.

Prairieview Walmart trip: Prairieview is for volunteers to help with their 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. They would need volunteers that could **meet them 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!

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>
03/18	Spaghetti	TLC Group
03/25	Italian Beef	Altar Guild

Trini-Teens "Spaghetti Spectacular" Prep Meeting! Attention Trini-Teens! We will have our final meeting to prepare for the April "Spaghetti Spectacular!" on **Friday, March 20th @ 5pm.**

From the Council Secretary: Any report for the Council meetings or Voters' meetings may be emailed to Samantha at sdehning22@gmail.com

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.

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.

Sermon Notes

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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
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Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
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Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	6:30pm	Hannah Circle @ Maggie Noffke's home
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
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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>
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Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
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Friday	9:00am	April Newsletter Deadline
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Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
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Sunday 03/22	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)

Mike Bruner (Sun.)

Next Week:

Chris Knobloch (Sat.)

Ken Taube (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Van Schwark (Sat.)

Bill Orr (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Donnette Meyer & Donna Sharper