

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
8 & 10:15 AM  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



*TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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# Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to follow the contact information at the bottom of this page and give us your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

## **Offering:**

Offering may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or in the basket near the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at 10:15 worship and presented during the offertory.

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## **Prayer List:**

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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+GATHERING+  
(Singing at 10:15 only)

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*The church bell is rung three times to proclaim that we gather to worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess those things in our lives that keep us from realizing and experiencing God's love and presence in the world.

**C: Loving and gracious God, have mercy on your church. We forget your call to love others as Jesus loved us. We muddle along in our self-serving schemes rather than waiting on your word. We follow the path of least resistance without seeking your higher way. We turn from the vision of heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O God, we turn to you to lead us to a new day. According to your steadfast love, forgive us, we pray.**

P: The good news is that God's love and forgiveness is a free gift. As we repent, change direction toward God, the Almighty becomes for us a guiding presence. God claims us, saying: You are my child. Dare to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

### GATHERING HYMN

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

ELW 320

### THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

KYRIE



**In peace, let us pray to the Lord.**



Lord,                      have      mer - cy.



**For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.**



Lord,                    have mer   -   cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you  
forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach  
them.**
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay  
near you."
- <sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death  
came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have  
sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not  
reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to  
Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who  
is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not  
like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's  
trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in  
the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.  
<sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the  
judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the  
gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of  
the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much  
more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and  
the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus  
Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation  
for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and  
life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the

many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## LENTEN VERSE



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "



<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Pause for Reflection*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW 325

## APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

*Each prayer petition will end with the words "Merciful God" and follow with the sung response, "We implore you to hear us, good Lord."*



A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

A: Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*8:00 Please remain standing. 10:15 Please be seated.*

+MEAL+

## MUSICAL OFFERING (10:15 only)

*Please stand and sing as the offering is brought to the front.*

## OFFERTORY (10:15 only)

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

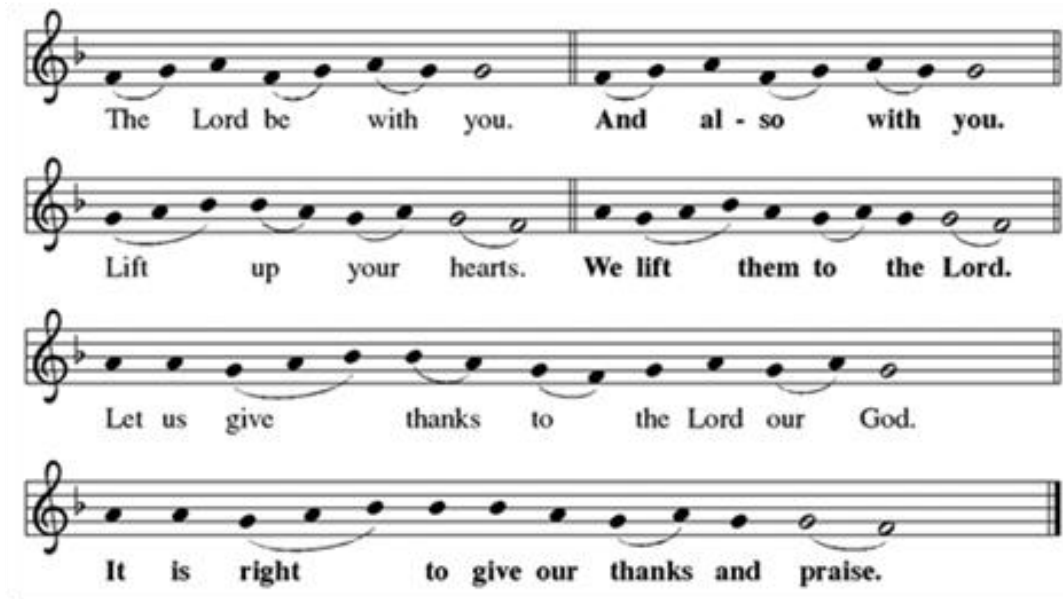
is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

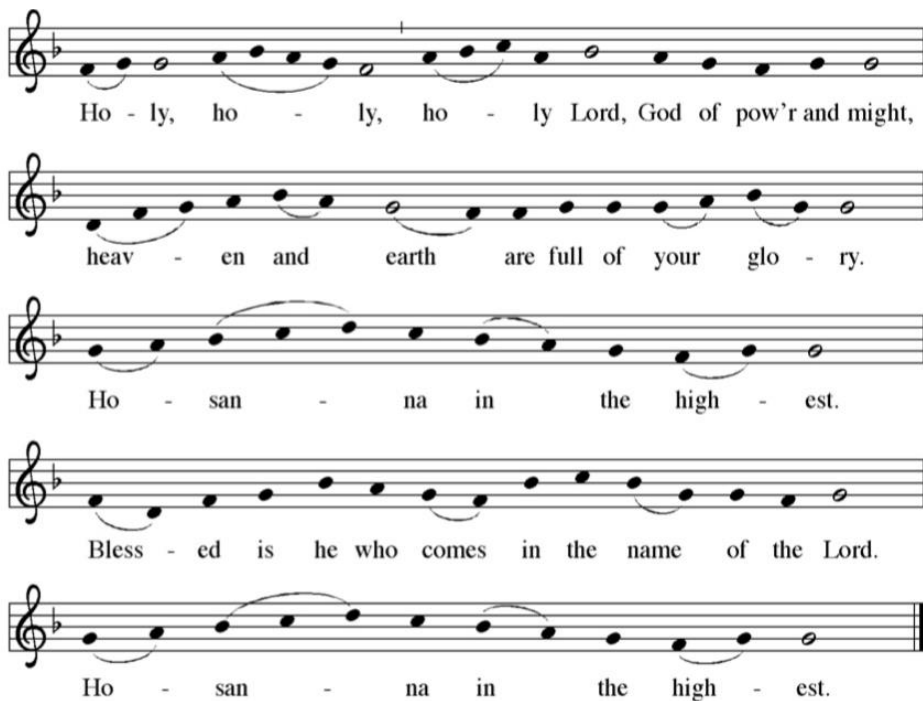
A: Let us pray.

C: **O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God, brimming with your extravagant love. In the beginning you created, not because you needed to but because it delighted you:

**You made the textures of feathers and fur, the fragrance of pine and saltwater, glinting minerals and sparkling stars, humankind in gorgeous diversity.**

You became like us in Jesus Christ, whose life magnified the abundance of your grace and the lavishness of your love.

**He saw the richness of a widow's pennies and the surpassing fineness of a lily's petals and the towering greatness of a mustard seed and fed thousands with five loaves and two fish.**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus gathered his friends for a simple meal and set a feast of love. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we remember: **the command to love as he has loved.**  
We remember: **the life of God poured out for us like wine.**  
We remember: **the resurrection that shattered the power of death.**  
We remember: **Christ's ascension into heaven**  
**and promise to come again.**

Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup.  
Let the fragrance of your love fill this house. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes and the earthiness of wheat. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Let it lift our hearts as lavish compassion for the little, the lost, and the least.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Let this bread and cup so magnify your prodigal love, mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end. Bring us at last to the infinite table where you have gathered all your holy ones in the new creation where every tear is wiped away, and every need has been met in you. All honor and glory is yours, O God, who is both Giver and Gift, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever, **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table

C: **Feast on God's goodness and mercy.**



## COMMUNION

*All baptized believers are welcome at the Lord's table. We trust in faith that the real presence of Christ is present in the bread and the wine. You will be invited to come to the front to receive bread from the pastor. You may dip the bread into the chalice of red wine, or receive an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the time of communion. Those who are not communing today may come forward and request a blessing from the pastor.*

*Remain standing (8 am) Please be seated (10:15 am)*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

ELW 492

*Please stand as you are able.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING+

## BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ☩ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

ELW 624

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Prayers:

**For all of our homebound.**

**For the work of the Call Committee.**

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*Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.*

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Sun, 2/22	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion 8:45 am, Snax n Study 9 am, Confirmation Class
Tues, 2/24	6:30 pm, Women at the Well Book Study
Wed, 2/23	12 pm, Midweek Lent Worship 5:45 pm, Lenten Soup Supper 6:05 pm, Bells, 6:30 pm, Choir 7pm, Midweek Lent Worship
Thurs, 2/26	8 am, Men's Breakfast 1 pm, Staff Meeting