

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026  
8 & 10:15 AM  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



*TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we boldly proclaim the Good News of Christ,  
sharing God's love with all through worship, education, and service.

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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**

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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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

"Hope of the World"

ACS 1085

### 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. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1-4A

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.  
<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**  
<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

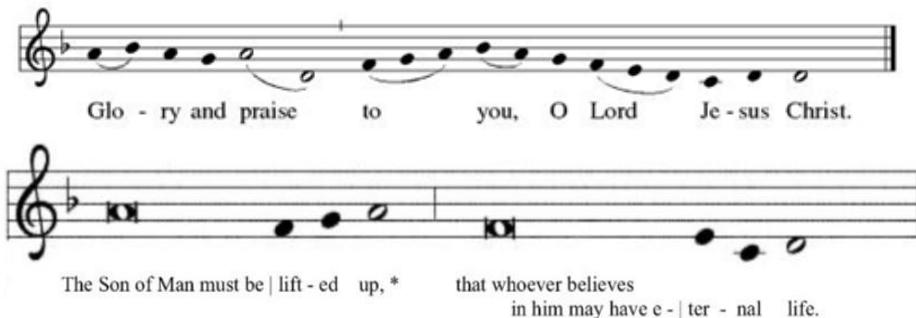
<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### LENTEN VERSE



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

The Son of Man must be | lift - ed up, \* that whoever believes  
in him may have e - | ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through 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

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW 660

## 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."*



**☩ We im- plore 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,



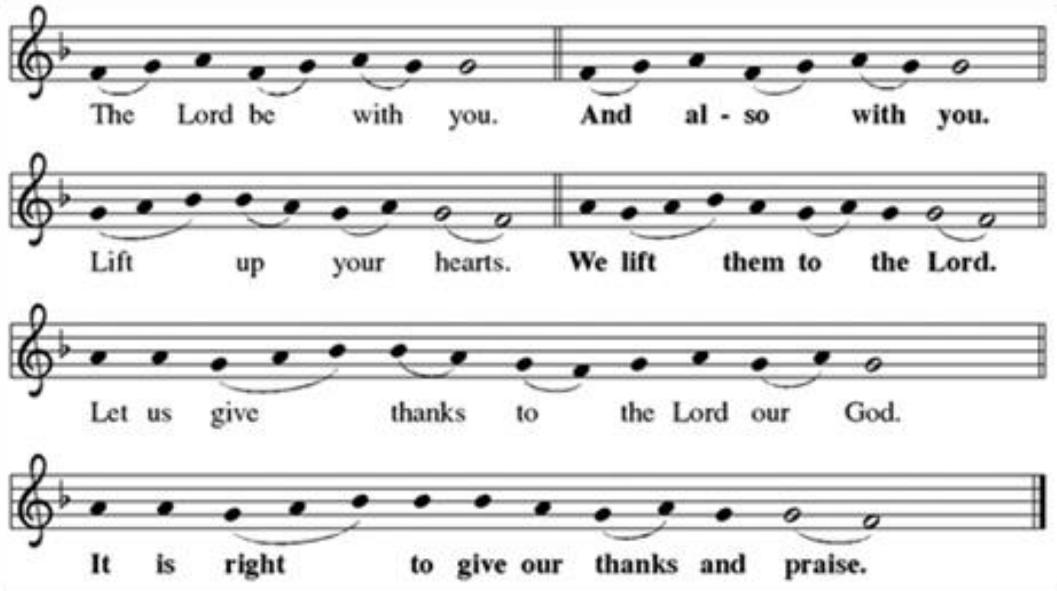
is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

## 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



The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

## 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

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

ELW 617

*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

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW 638

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Ja'net Gochenauer 10:15 Daniel Burkhard	8:00 Tom Hocker 10:15 Verlyn Hays
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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.*

<b>THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: MARCH 1, 2026</b>	
Sun, 3/1	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion 8:45 am, Snax n Study 9 am, Confirmation Class 10:15 am, First Sunday Kids
Tues, 3/3	6:30 pm, Women at the Well Book Study
Wed, 3/4	12 pm, Midweek Lent Worship 5:45 pm, Lenten Soup Supper 6:05 pm, Bells, 6:30 pm, Choir 7pm, Midweek Lent Worship
Thurs, 3/5	7 pm, Church Council