

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



JOHN 4:5-42

## *TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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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**

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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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.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

ELW 777

### 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. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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: EXODUS 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 95

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup> **“Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know  
my ways.’**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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.

Lord, you are truly  
the Savior | of the world;\* give me this living  
water that I may never | thirst a - gain.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42 (see insert)

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Pause for Reflection*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW 611

## 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: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: 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.*

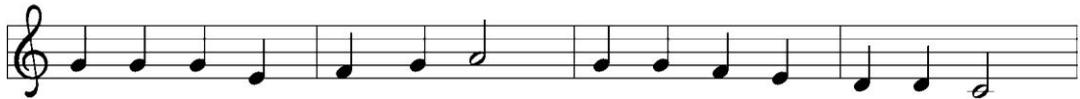
## OFFERTORY (10:15 only)



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 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.

This musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff contains two measures, the second and third staves each contain two measures, and the fourth staff contains two measures. 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.', and '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.

This musical score is written on five staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff contains two measures, the second and third staves each contain two measures, the fourth staff contains two measures, and the fifth staff contains two measures. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

ELW 542

*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

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

ELW 618

## 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.**

**Members:** Cathy Lamason; Phil Warner; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise

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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 8, 2026</b>	
Sun, 3/8	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion 8:45 am, Snax n Study 9 am, Confirmation Class
Tues, 3/10	6:30 pm, Women at the Well Needle Night
Wed, 3/11	12 pm, Midweek Lent Worship 5:45 pm, Lenten Soup Supper 6:05 pm, Bells, 6:30 pm, Choir 7pm, Midweek Lent Worship
Fri, 3/13	4 pm, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet
Sat, 3/14	9 am, Trinity's Closet-on-Main