



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE DIVINE SERVICE

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**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, 2026**

## A WORD OF CHRISTIAN WELCOME

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1*

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE be yours in the Name of our Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ and a word of Christian welcome:

We are delighted the Holy Spirit has brought you to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God with us in the Divine Service, our Lord's gracious serving of us in grace as we gather in worship. We hope to make you comfortable and know you might have a few questions. Trinity welcomes many guests who may not be familiar with Lutheran worship or our congregation. This service folder contains the order of worship for the Divine Service.

The Lord's Supper, that is, Holy Communion is administered at this altar according to the Lord's institution. Out of love for our Lord's Word and His instruction, we take seriously the spiritual care and welfare of those who commune at our altar. Please take a moment to read about worthy reception of the Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins on page 19.

### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

WE ARE BLESSED YOU ARE HERE. Children are a heritage from the Lord and full members of Christ's kingdom. Parents and their children are welcome to sit toward the front of the sanctuary so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. Don't worry, they won't bother the pastors. Here your children may watch the pastors, note the colors, and smell the candles. They'll be learning all we do revolves around the altar. Jesus promises to engage them with His Word and Spirit (St. Mark 10:13-16).

Engage your children through the Divine Service by teaching them the liturgy and the importance of hearing. Encourage them to speak the responses with you, "And with thy spirit!" and sing, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!" The children will follow your lead and they are very capable of learning challenging words. If you need help, look around: your brothers and sisters in Christ are delighted to assist.

The Family Room in the Narthex may be used if you need to step out, but please hurry back! Jesus desires children hear His Word in the Divine Service. To find this room, turn right after exiting the Nave and it is the first door on your right. A nursery is available with chairs, a single person restroom, a changing station, and busy bags with sensory toys. You'll be able to see and hear everything in the service from here.

Children's bulletins are available in the Narthex. These contain a simple presentation of the Sunday's themes and readings and serve as a teaching resource for the home.

## ✠ A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ✠

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ, as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.

*Prayers for worship preparation may be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.*

**Organ Prelude**

**Bells' Call to Worship**

**Word of Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**

**LSB 569 In Adam We Have All Been One**

**Confession and Absolution**

*1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23*

*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Introit

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him.  
With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.
- C** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—
- P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.
- C** For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.
- P** On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- C** You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- C** 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.
- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him.  
With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.

## Kyrie *(spoken Monday)*

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated for the Readings.*

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1–21

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And 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 midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely 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 themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

**P** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

**C** the founder and perfecter of our faith,

**P** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**C** and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation stands for the Holy Gospel.*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 4:1-11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And 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,

“Man shall 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 set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said 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,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall 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, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*  
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*  
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*  
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*  
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*  
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*  
and was made man; *John 1:14*  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:5*  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*  
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*  
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*  
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Mt 3:16-17; Lk 2:14*  
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21*  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38*  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

*The Congregation is seated for the Hymn of the Day.*

## Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

Sermon "The Temptation of Jesus: Victory in the Wilderness" *Matthew 4:1-11*

*The Congregation stands for the Offertory.*

Offertory *(omitted Monday)*

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

*The Congregation stands for The Prayer of the Church.*

*Each petition ends:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

### In Our Prayers

*Those who are receiving palliative care:*

**Marvin Koop and Craig Siegrist**

*Those who are hospitalized:*

**Harley Gebhardt** (stepfather of Mindy Cherrington), **Manny Harrison, Irene Hilton** (sister-in-law of Conrad Brown)

*Those who are undergoing surgery or medical procedures:*

**Jenny Brame**

*Those who are recovering from surgery, illness, or injury:*

**Matthew Bultemeier, Noel Eaton, Norman Gephardt, Larry Lammers, Dean Linhardt, Chuck Morris, Sue Ellen Morris, and Terry Simmons**

*Those who are contending with health or other issues:*

**Brady Bailey, Betty Brown, Dennis Elliott, David K.** (brother of Carole Eilers), **Amanda (Thieme) Livesay, Roberta Mangold, Eva Marsch** (sister of Erika Berry), **Dylan McCord, Jessica Murphy, Elizabeth Raisch, Michael Sadler, Rev. Dave Spotts, Anthony & Christine Warrington, Hope Wetzstein, and Ruthann Wunder**

*Those involved in managing the effects of cancer, including:*

**Wayne Armbrust, Lauren Brown, Jack Crawford, Carol Easterhaus, Nathan Eckhoff, Rochelle Gavin, Sylvia Glenn, Kevin Hughes, Pam Jones, Mary Medlock, Debi Mirly, Rev. David Oberdieck, Rev. Aaron Sterling, Carolyn Trigg, Lee Tubbesing, and Elsa Wiemerslage**

*For the families of:*

**Larry Samuel, who passed away on February 15, 2026**

**Eva Marsch, sister of Erika Berry, who passed away last week**

**Doris Louise Cott, mother of Charlie Cott, who passed away last week**

*Last week we prayed for:*

The family of Jerome Schmittzehe, family member of the Koops, who passed away.

*If you desire to supply a regular intercession for the Prayer of the Church, please complete a Prayer Request Card located in your pew and place it in the offering box in the narthex. You may also*

contact the Church Office or visit the [Submit a Prayer Request](#) page on our website.

## Record of Attendance and Offerings

Your presence is meaningful for us. Please take a moment to record your attendance in the red book at the end of your pew. Offerings may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex or online.

The Monday evening service continues with the Communion Hymn, #746.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Preface** (*spoken Monday*)

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

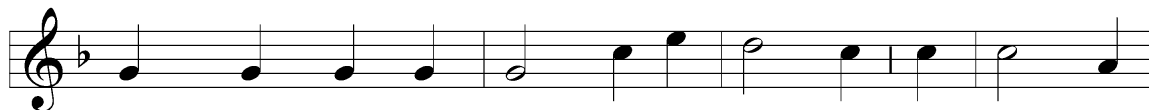
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 (spoken Monday)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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

Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 *(spoken Monday)*

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

Agnus Dei *(omitted Monday)*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*The Congregation is seated for the Distribution.*

## Distribution

**Holy Communion** *The Lord Jesus is concerned about the spiritual care of all who commune at His Altar (1 Corinthians 11:27, 28). Our pastors desire to care for all our guests according to the Lord's instruction and would desire a conversation with you (1 Corinthians 4:1; Hebrews 13:1) prior to communing. The altar is open to those who are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the LCMS and are not under church discipline (1 Corinthians 1:10; 5:4, 5; 10:17). If you are a guest today, please read Our Teaching and Belief Concerning the Lord's Supper on page 19.*

### Prayer for the Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

*Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.*

Distribution Hymn *(Monday hymn)*

LSB 746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

Distribution Hymn

LSB 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Distribution Hymn

LSB 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

### Prayer of Thanksgiving after Receiving the Lord's Supper

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

*The Congregation stands for the Dismissal.*

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.

**C** Amen.

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** 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** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Hymn to Depart

LSB 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

### Postlude

## ✠ A PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP ✠

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Brian Thieme

**Elders:** (8:00) David Attebery & Ron Dickes | (10:30) Mike Brame & Jim Cherrington

**Ushers:** (8:00) Huter Kevil & Kyle Dickes | (10:30)

**Altar Guild:** Hillari Roberts

**Organist:** Carolyn Holste

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## OUR TEACHING AND BELIEF CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### **What is Holy Communion?**

Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Sacrament of the Altar is administered at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that along with the bread and the wine we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 22:22-24; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Our Lord has shed His true blood and instituted His Supper for our benefit, that we might be joined to Him. We therefore take Him at His Word, believing and trusting in His gift and promise, without adding to or taking away from what He has said. This eating and drinking is a true participation, a communion, in the very same body and blood of Christ present on the cross of Calvary, not symbolic or representative (1 Corinthians 10:16). Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

### **Who should receive the Lord's Supper?**

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion unto their benefit and not unto harm (1 Corinthians 11:29). Communicants should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:17). Our pastors and those gathered here desire and pray for your presence at this altar to receive the Lord's gifts. To achieve this unity in confession, our pastors desire a conversation with those who are not yet instructed or believe differently (belong to another church body or denomination) because Holy Communion is a public confession of agreement with all doctrine believed, taught, and confessed here. We also ask guests from other LCMS congregations to speak with the pastors before communing.

All who are communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS and not under church discipline may commune here. All other guests are invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.

### **How do I eat and drink Christ's body and blood?**

Communicants may receive the host by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please receive one from the tray as the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup when the pastor comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice wait for the individual cup to pass and the pastor will commune you from the chalice.

If an individual has a sensitivity to gluten, a special host is available. Please request this host from the pastor when he comes to your place. Alcohol-removed wine is also available in the pink glasses of the individual cup should an individual desire.

**The Lord's Supper may be received in the pew if needed. Please notify a Pastor, Elder, or Usher.**

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

The First Sunday in Lent • February 22, 2026

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, February 22 – Lent 1

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service  
11:45 a.m. Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Assembly of Voters  
6:00 p.m. JCC  
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Monday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Divine Service

### Tuesday, February 24

5:00 p.m. Board of Trustees  
5:45 p.m. Pickleball

### Wednesday, February 25

9:00 a.m. TLCLC Chapel  
12:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service  
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper  
6:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service  
*Heather out of office*

### Thursday, February 26

9:00 a.m. TLCLC Chapel  
5:45 p.m. Pickleball  
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders  
7:00 p.m. Grief Share

### Friday, February 27

*Pastor's day off & Heather out of office*

### Sunday, March 1 – Lent 2

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service  
6:00 p.m. JCC

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5 Easter Breakfast  
March 7 Women's Brunch  
March 14 Young Adult Bible Study

## FLOWER ANNOUNCEMENT

If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you may sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office. Sponsors typically donate \$25 to the Altar Guild on their chosen week.

## LEARNING THE FAITH

### Sunday Bible Study with Pastor Thieme

- Sundays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Studying: Revelation

### Monday Bible Study with Pastor Thieme

- Mondays at 9:00 am in Room 106  
Studying: 1 Corinthians

### Men's Bible Study

- Thursdays at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Studying: 1 & 2 Samuel

### Junior Confirmation Classes

- Sundays at 6:00 pm

## SERVE AND ENCOURAGE

### Lenten light Suppers

- **Wednesdays, February 25 March 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 5:00 pm**

Join us for Lenten Light Suppers at 5 pm on Wednesdays before the 6 pm midweek service.

### Women's Fellowship Time--Winter Brunch

- **Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 am**
- **Fellowship Hall**
- **RSVP to Amanda Hakes 573-864-6757**

The body of Christ is designed to serve and encourage one another as we toil here on earth awaiting the second coming of Christ. We want to connect the young and the experienced women of Trinity for a time of fellowship. We are seeking to share and receive encouragement and wisdom from fellow Lutheran women. We so hope you will attend.

### 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House for Margaret Fines

- **Saturday, March 7, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**
- **American Legion**

The family of Margaret Fines will be hosting a cake and punch open house for her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 7, 2026 at the American Legion from 11am-2pm. She would love to see members of Trinity at the party. Those who are unable to make it are welcome to send a card.

### Young Adult Bible Study

- **Saturday, March 14—time & location TBD**

The topic will be “a study on vocation and spiritual gifts” led by Pastor Thieme.

### Easter Breakfast

- **Sunday, April 5, 2026**

We are six weeks away from Easter! Join us for Easter Breakfast on April 5th between the sunrise and second services. The Youth Group and Board of Youth are looking forward to preparing and serving the meal, and are excited to introduce a German style breakfast this year! The youth's Germany trip in January is the inspiration for this year's menu. Detailed menu to come. Come and enjoy food and fellowship! Freewill donations will be accepted.

## JUST A REMINDER

When making a donation or fulfilling your promise to the **NARTHEX EXPANSION PROJECT** please indicate on your check or envelope **ACCOUNT 269**. We thank you for your ongoing support.

## LIFE TEAM

### Lutherans For Life: Life Thoughts

**February 22 (Lent 1)** – Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God's Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil's words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil's temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father.

## GRIEF SHARE

- **Thursdays, January 8—March 26 at 7 pm**

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one or know someone who is? Please consider joining our Grief Share group.

The GS classes will meet on Thursday evenings from January 8 through March 26. To sign up, visit the GS website [www.griefshare.org/findagroup](http://www.griefshare.org/findagroup).

Any questions, please call/text Kevin Burns (Facilitator) at (573) 424-7514.

# FOR US

## *Lent*

### **Ash Wednesday, February 18**

12 & 6 pm—Midweek Lenten Service  
5:00 pm—Lenten Light Supper: Elders

### **Wednesday, February 25**

12 & 6 pm—Midweek Lenten Service  
5:00 pm—Lenten Light Supper: Social Ministry

### **Wednesday, March 4**

12 & 6 pm—Midweek Lenten Service  
5:00 pm—Lenten Light Supper: Stewardship & Finance

### **Wednesday, March 11**

12 & 6 pm—Midweek Lenten Service  
5:00 pm—Lenten Light Supper: Evangelism

### **Wednesday, March 18**

12 & 6 pm—Midweek Lenten Service  
5:00 pm—Lenten Light Supper: Christian Education

### **Wednesday, March 25**

12 & 6 pm—Midweek Lenten Service  
5:00 pm—Lenten Light Supper: Mary Martha Guild

## *Holy Week*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

12 & 7 pm—Maundy Thursday Service

### **Good Friday, April 3**

12 & 7 pm—Good Friday Service

## *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

7 am—Sunrise Service  
*Breakfast following sunrise service*  
10:30 am—Easter Service  
Monday 6 pm—Easter Service



### Audio and Print Assistance

Hearing-assist and live-captioning devices are available for the hearing-impaired. If either device may assist in your hearing and meditation on the Word of God, the ushers will be able to offer assistance. The large print edition of the hymnal is also available. Please speak with an usher, elder, or pastor.



### Accessibility

For those who may not be able to or comfortable navigating the stairs to the lower level, a lift is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area. Ushers or church members are able to assist with operation of the lift.



### Recording

Trinity publishes a recording of worship services both on our website and on YouTube (TrinityCoMo). Sermons are also available on our website.



### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway off the sanctuary overflow area (facing forward toward the altar, the open area to the left). Proceed through the door in the overflow area and you will find the restrooms to your right. From the Narthex, proceed past the stairs and turn right once you pass through the wooden double doors.



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