



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE DIVINE SERVICE

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 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.

Handbell Prelude

Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

Opening Hymn

LSB 890 O Blessed Light, O Trinity

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 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

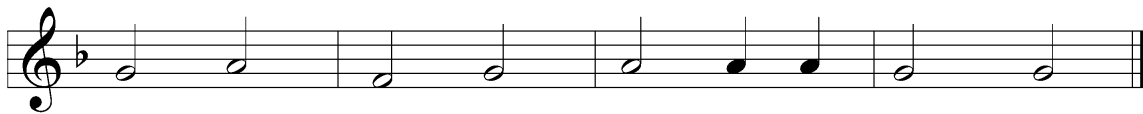
- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- C** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon
the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- C** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will
offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- 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** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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.



C And with thy spir - it.

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 A - men.

The Congregation is seated for the Readings.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

“Lamb of God”

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

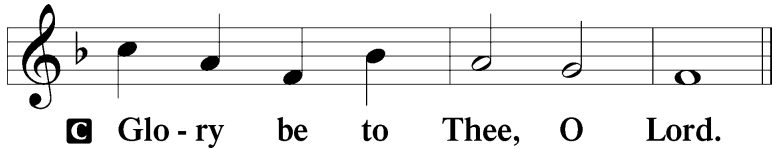
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do

you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.”³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sermon

“Eyes that See: What a Gift”

John 9:1-41

Reception of New Member by Confirmation (10:30)

Sydney Young

The Congregation stands for the Offertory.

Offertory *(omitted Monday)*

Psalm 51:10-12



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

For peace.

Those who are receiving palliative care:

Craig Siegrist

Those who are hospitalized:

Harley Gebhardt and Manny Harrison

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

Jenny Brame, Matthew Bultemeier, Norman Gephardt, Larry Lammers, Clara Moser (niece of Phyllis White), and Terry Simmons

Those who are contending with health or other issues:

Betty Brown, Dennis Elliott, Amanda (Thieme) Livesay, Roberta Mangold, Jessica Murphy, 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, Ali Korenberg (great niece of Ron Eilers), Mary Medlock, Debi Mirly, Rev. David Oberdieck, Rev. Aaron Sterling, Carolyn Trigg, Lee Tubbesing, and Elsa Wiemerslage

Last week we prayed for: the family of Harry Besleme, who died on March 4, 2026.

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, #628.

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.

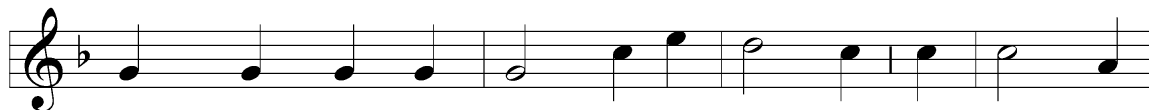
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared 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 ✠ 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 *(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 628 Your Table I Approach

Distribution Hymn

LSB 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

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.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

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

Liturgist: Rev. Brian Thieme

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Donald Schedler

Elders: (8:00) David Attebery & John Frerking | (10:30) Mike Brame & Jim Cherrington
(Monday) Benjamin Asbeck

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

Altar Guild: Betty Buchheit

Organist: Joanna McDowell

Choir Director: Chris Kespohl

Handbell Director: Kimberly Walker

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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

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 15 – Lent 4

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
- 3:00 p.m. Visitation for Harry Besleme
- 6:00 p.m. JCC

Monday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Funeral for Harry Besleme
- 6:00 p.m. Divine Service

Tuesday, March 17

- 5:45 p.m. Pickleball

Wednesday, March 18

- 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, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. TLCLC Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Communion @ Lenoir
- 5:45 p.m. Pickleball
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism
- 6:00 p.m. Life Team
- 6:00 p.m. Garden Club
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Grief Share

Friday, March 20

Pastor's day off & Heather out of office

Sunday, March 22 – Lent 5

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 26 Lutheran Ladies Having Fun
- April 5 Easter Breakfast
- April 12 Life Team Lunch & Learn

FLOWER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Altar flowers are given by Dianne Jeide in memory of her husband, Larry Jeide

LEARNING THE FAITH

Sunday Bible Study with Pastor Thieme

- Sundays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Studying: Habakkuk – Patience In the Midst of Evil

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

ALTAR GUILD

Help Wanted!

- The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers! If interested or for more information, please reach out to Betty Buchheit at dbuchheit305@aol.com or 573-823-2664

DONATION 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.

SERVE AND ENCOURAGE

Lenten light Suppers

- Wednesdays, March 18 & 25 at 5:00 pm
Join us for Lenten Light Suppers at 5 pm on Wednesdays before the 6 pm midweek service.

Handbell Choir – Ringers Wanted!

- Practices are on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
The handbell choir is in need of additional ringers. No musical experience is required. If interested in joining, please contact Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358.

Sponsor an Easter Lily!

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office—you can sign up to sponsor a lily or give money toward the purchase of greenery and other colorful spring blooms to decorate the wooden cross during the Easter season. You can also sign up by calling or emailing the church office.

Lilies are \$20 each this year. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with “Altar Guild” on the memo line. Checks may be mailed to the church or dropped in the offering box. *The Altar Guild thanks you!*

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- Thieme House
- RSVP to Sarah Thieme at 573-999-7746

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We will be starting a Bible class called, *Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply*. It is a scripturally sound but unusually based on coffee Bible study. Jesus loves us. The Lord wants our company. He invites us to meet with Him in His Word. Just imagine what He has in store for us as we meet Him with our “cup” – our self—a vessel created and chosen by God, redeemed in Christ, and ready to be filled for His purpose. Time spent in Bible study will fill you to the brim and beyond with God’s Good News. Sip, savor, and drink deeply from His Word. Receive the outpouring of His grace, His joy, and His peace!

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.

Women’s Fellowship Time – Spring Brunch

- Saturday, May 23 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.

We will also be collecting baby hygiene items to donate to My Life Clinic. Items needed at this time include baby soaps, baby lotions, and diaper creams.

Help Wanted!

- One of our church members is looking for help at home from June 4-7, 2026.
- Hours and pay are negotiable. The position does not require any heavy lifting, but there is a friendly dog.
- If interested, please contact Ruthann for additional information: 573-424-2460.

LIFE TEAM

Save the Date: Lunch & Learn

- Topic: November vote on Amendment 3
- Speaker: Susan Klein from Missouri Right to Life
- Sunday, April 12, 2026 after the 10:30 service
- Fellowship Hall
- Lunch will be provided by the Life Team.

The Life Team would like to help us all learn, ask questions, and grow in understanding together as a church family. All are welcome!

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.” – Jeremiah 1:5

Lutherans For Life: Life Thoughts

March 15 (Lent 4) – Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John 9:6, Isaiah 42:16). The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to “walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.

LWML Columbia Zone Spring Rally
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Centralia, MO

Sunday - April 19, 2026
Registration begins at 1:15 pm
Rally begins at 2:00 pm

Registration fee \$3.00
Refreshments to follow



Topic Speaker – Rev. Dave Spotts, Chaplain
Mid-Missouri Lutheran Hospital Ministry

Ingathering – free will donation of cash/check to support the hospital ministry.

I was sick and you visited me....Matthew 25:36b

LWML

2026 Missouri District LWML Convention

- Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- June 12-14, 2026

Follow in the footsteps of the Saxon German immigrants who settled Perry County Missouri in 1839 before expanding into Cape Girardeau.



Plan to join other Lutheran Women in Mission at the biennial Missouri District convention, June 12-14, 2026, at the Drury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Cape Girardeau.

While in the area, you can visit buildings at the *Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum* in nearby Altenburg, Missouri. However, the host Zones (Altenburg, Cape Girardeau, Iron Mountain, and Jackson Bootheel) have planned numerous convention activities including Friday night's Worship service, Mission Walk, Mission Fair and Silent Auction. Plan to view various Exhibitors during breaks from convention business. Delegates will make decisions that affect the next biennium.

All convention attendees can register online at the convention link found at missourilwml.org. Registration is online only. Early registration is \$200 and includes Saturday boxed lunch and Saturday banquet buffet.

After the online registration is completed, you will receive an email confirmation. That email will contain links to three hotels. Booking one of the hotels through that link will provide you with a discount room rate. The last date to book rooms at a discount rate is May 10, 2026. After this date, the hotels will release the unreserved rooms to the general public.

Come and see how Lutheran Women in Mission are *Rooted* in service to our Savior!

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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