



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE DIVINE SERVICE

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 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 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

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 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

- P** Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.
- C** I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- P** Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- C** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- C** For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- 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** Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and

I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

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.

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

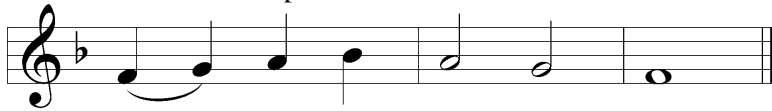
²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to

the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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*

Children's Message

The Congregation is seated for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

Sermon

“When Jesus Delays”

John 11:1-45

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

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, and Terry Simmons

Those who are contending with health or other issues:

Betty Brown, Dennis Elliott, Garry Francis (brother-in-law of Debi Derendinger), **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, Patty Gerke (friend of Debi Derendinger), **Sylvia Glenn, Kevin Hughes, Pam Jones, Ali Korenberg, Mary Medlock, Debi Mirly, Rev. David Oberdieck, Rev. Aaron Sterling, Carolyn Trigg, Lee Tubbesing, and Elsa Wiemerslage**

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.

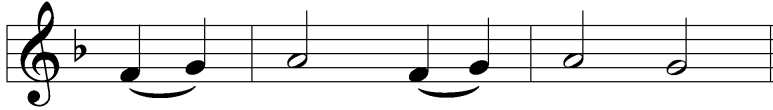
The Monday evening service continues with the Communion Hymn, #618.

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 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Distribution Hymn

LSB 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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

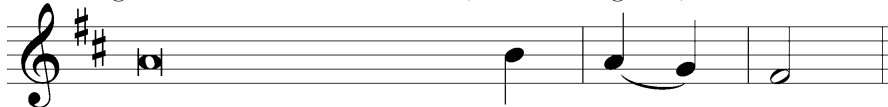
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

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

Psalm 107:1

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 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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) Benjamin Asbeck & John Frerking | (10:30) Carey Smith & Jim Cherrington
(Monday) Benjamin Asbeck

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

Altar Guild: Dianne Mirtz & Karen Niederjohn

Organist: Joanna McDowell

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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 Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 22, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

- 5:45 p.m. Pickleball

Wednesday, March 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, March 26

- 9:00 a.m. TLCLC Chapel
- 5:45 p.m. Pickleball
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders
- 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Ladies Fun Night
- 7:00 p.m. Grief Share

Friday, March 27

Pastor's day off & Heather out of office

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 4 Decorating for Easter
- April 5 Easter Breakfast
- April 12 Life Team Lunch & Learn
- May 3 Confirmation
- May 23 Women's Brunch

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: Zephaniah

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
- **3/26/26: No Bible Study**

Junior Confirmation Classes

- Sundays at 6:00 pm

ALTAR GUILD

Decorating for Easter

- Saturday, April 4 at 9 am
- The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to help decorate for Easter!

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

- Wednesday, March 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!*

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers & Subs

Our Sunday school is growing we are in need of more teachers and substitutes to teach the word of God to His children. Would you prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents to help in this mission. You can email the Board of Christian Education at trinityboce@gmail.com or speak with one of the board members: Karen Provost, Hillari Roberts, or Connie Coil. Blessings.

Lutheran Ladies (and Friends) Having Fun Night

- Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm
- Thieme House
- RSVP to Sarah Thieme at 573-999-7746

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

Join us for Easter Breakfast on April 5th between the sunrise and second services. The Youth Group & Board of Youth are preparing and serving the meal and are excited to introduce a German style menu:

- Biscuits & Rolls
- Various Meats
- Various Cheeses
- Sliced Tomatoes & Cucumbers
- Eggs
- Yogurt Cups
- Fruit Cups
- Pastries & Sweets

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.

Home 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 22 (Lent 5) – Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), the one true God who raises the dead from their graves and gives them new life (Ezekiel 37:5-6). Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11), would approve of the murder of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition.

LWML

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

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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