



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mid-Week Lenten Service
March 18, 2026

Welcome Visitors!

We are both excited and honored that you've joined us for worship today! We hope you'll join us again next week at 9:30am for Sunday School and 10:30 for worship.



If you have a smartphone, use your phone's camera or code scanner to electronically submit your **church connection card**. Let us know how we might be able to serve and pray for you.

Restrooms: Located downstairs under the Sanctuary, the back hallway behind the Sanctuary or in the lobby connector with the Fellowship Hall.

Families with Children: If you wish, a staffed nursery for children aged 0-4 is located in the lower level of the building below the sanctuary. Children also have the option of worshipping in the sanctuary, or attending Children's Church, which begins after the Children's Chat.

Food & Drinks: To help keep our worship space clean and reverent, no food is permitted in the sanctuary. Water bottles or enclosed cups are welcome. Thank for your cooperation.

Question: If you have any questions, please feel free to ask an usher.

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✝ Please stand as you are able where denoted during the worship service.

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Welcome and Announcements

† Opening Litany

P: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Oh Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hurry to deliver me,

C: come and help me, my Lord and my God.

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

† Opening Hymn

“Who Am I?”

Verse 1: Who am I that the Lord of all the earth

Would care to know my name

Would care to feel my hurt

Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star

Would choose to light the way

For my ever wand'ring heart

Pre-Chorus: Not because of who I am

But because of what You've done

Not because of what I've done

But because of who You are

Chorus: I am a flower quickly fading

Here today and gone tomorrow

A wave tossed in the ocean

A vapor in the wind

Still You hear me when I'm calling

Lord You catch me when I'm falling

And You've told me who I am

I am Yours

Verse 2: Who am I that the eyes that see my sin

Would look on me with love

And watch me rise again

Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea

Would call out through the rain

And calm the storm in me

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† The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, you have gathered us together to observe the Lenten journey. Encourage us in our disciplines of prayer, study, worship, giving, and serving so that Christ who humbled himself taking on the form of a servant, might look upon us in mercy. May our lives be governed by the Holy Spirit that we may be kept steadfast in the faith, and at the last be exalted with you in eternity. For you live and reign with the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 5:17–21

- 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a]
The old has gone, the new is here!
- 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:
19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
- 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.
- 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SECOND READING

Psalms 22:1–5

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?
- 2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.[b]
- 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises [c]
- 4 In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 27th Chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:46

- 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli,[a] lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).[b]

† Response following the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

"My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?"

† Homily Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

(Showalter, Hoffman)

Verse 1: What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms*

Verse 2: Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Refrain

Verse 3: What have I to dread, what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Refrain

† Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† The Lord’s Prayer

† Responsive Prayer

P: Let us gather our hearts together as one and offer our prayers to God.

(Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.)

P: Let my prayer rise before you as incense.

C: And the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P: It is you, loving God, who breathes life into each of us,

C: It is you who calls us into existence

P: It is you who forgives the sins of those who are penitent,

C: create a new heart in us, O God, as we acknowledge our sin

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P: It is you who forgives the sins of those who are penitent,

C: create a new heart in us, O God, as we acknowledge our sin before you.

P: You are the God of the living,

C: and are pleased to offer us forgiveness and reconciliation.

P: Stretch forth your right hand to save us,

C: and defend us from our enemies.

P: You, O Lord, see us who have no strength,

C: and you revive us through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Benediction

P: May the God of light and truth lead you from this place,

C: be not far from me, O Lord, the rock of my salvation.

P: May the Savior of the world encourage us to follow the example of his great humility,

C: that we would be patient and long-suffering in our service.

P: May the Holy Spirit accompany and guide us,

C: and grant us peace at the closing of the day.

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

† Sending Hymn “Sanctuary” (with verses by Michael Hiskey)

Verse 1: One day it'll all be over,

This pain I'm going through

Right now I'm wondering if that day will ever come

For I'm quickly growing older and one thing I know is true

Lord there is still so much work to be done

Chorus: So Lord prepare me to be a Sanctuary

Pure and Holy, Tried and true

With thanksgiving I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

Verse 2: And there's a love that burns like fire

And a peace that I can find

In the presence of Your Spirit, Lord Most High

For it's You that takes me higher

And eases my worried mind

And turns these burdens in to blessings in disguise

Chorus

I have this everlasting longing in my soul

And Lord it's You I seek to find

so fill me up and let it overflow

And Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and Holy, Tried and true

With thanksgiving I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

† **P:** Go in Peace. Christ is with You.

C: Thanks be to God.

MIDWEEK LENT SERIES: The Final Words of Christ

1. How can the honesty of Jesus' cry give us permission to bring our own struggles and doubts to God?
2. How does understanding Christ's suffering change the way we view our own suffering?
3. What does the promise that God never abandons us mean for the way we face difficult moments in life?
4. How can remembering Jesus' suffering deepen our gratitude during the season of Lent?
5. Where do you most need to remember that God has not abandoned you?
6. What burdens or struggles might you bring to Christ at the cross tonight?

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