



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Mid-Week Lenten Service**  
March 11, 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.

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**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

“The Heart of Worship”

Verse 1: When the music fades, All is stripped away  
And I simply come, Longing just to bring  
Something that's of worth, That will bless your heart  
I'll bring you more than a song, For a song in itself  
Is not what you have required, You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart.

Chorus: I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about you,  
It's all about you, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about you,  
It's all about you, Jesus

Verse 2: King of endless worth, No one could express  
How much you deserve, Though I'm weak and poor  
All I have is yours, Every single breath  
I'll bring you more than a song, For a song in itself  
Is not what you have required, You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear, You're looking into my heart

Chorus x2

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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

Mark 3:31–35

- 31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.
- 32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."
- 33 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.
- 34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!
- 35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

## SECOND READING

John 2:1-11

- 1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,
- 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.
- 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
- 4 "Woman,[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."
- 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
- 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.[b]
- 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.
- 8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,
- 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside
- 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."
- 11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs

through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## † Response before the Gospel

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to the 19th Chapter of John.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

## † Holy Gospel

John 19:26–27

- 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman,[a] here is your son,"
- 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

## † Response following the Gospel

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Homily

"Woman, Behold Your Son"

## † Homily Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

## † 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**

**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  
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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

No turning back, no turning back

Where He leads me, I will follow

Where He leads me, I will follow

Where He leads me, I will follow

No turning back, no turning back

The world behind me, the cross before me

The world behind me, the cross before me

The world behind me, the cross before me

No turning back, no turning back

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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### MIDWEEK LENT SERIES: The Final Words of Christ

1. Why do you think Christianity is meant to be lived in community rather than alone?
2. Have you ever experienced the church feeling like a family? What made it feel that way?
3. Who in your life has been like a spiritual brother, sister, or parent in the faith?
4. How can our congregation better reflect the kind of family Jesus created at the cross?
5. If Jesus is still forming a family through the cross today, what role might God be calling you to play in that family?

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