



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Mid-Week Lenten Service**  
March 25, 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 "Agnus Dei"

Alleluia Alleluia

For our Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia Alleluia

For our Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia

Holy, Holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are Holy, Holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

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Repeat

#### † 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

Isaiah 55:1-5

- 1 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
- 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.
- 3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.
- 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.
- 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

## SECOND READING

Psalms 42:1-7

- 1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”
- 4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One[d] with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.
- 5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
- 6 My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

### † 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

"I Thirst"

### † Homily Hymn

“Above All”

Verse 1: Above all powers above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began

Verse 2: Above all kingdoms above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure  
What You're worth

*Chorus: Crucified laid behind the stone  
You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all*

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### † 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 “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!

† **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. Where in your life right now do you feel most “dry” or empty?
2. When have you felt spiritually distant from God—and what did that feel like?
3. Where have you been settling for “sour wine” instead of living water?
4. Who around you is spiritually thirsty—and how can you show them Christ?
5. Where is God calling you to offer compassion to someone who is struggling?
6. What would it look like for our church to be a place where thirsty people are truly welcomed?

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