

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45AM

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2025

*As the prelude begins, please observe a period of
silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.*

PRELUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

WELCOME

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW #504**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

Cantor

1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation

Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the fee - ble

e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
child your grace has made. Now make us grow and

sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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***SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall

celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no

distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

(please stand)

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

***GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lamb of God

ELW #336

SERMON

Pastor Jake Lehman

***CREED**

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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "Andante" Georg Friedrich Handel (1685-1750)

11:00 - "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas (b.1957) **ELW 787** –
Congregation joins on Refrain

*Please stand as we begin singing the “Create in Me”
and the elements are brought forward*

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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 your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you....as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection....grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us....with justice, peace, and love

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones.... now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)

*Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your
seat by the side aisles.*

*8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction
Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.*

*11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction
Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail
after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: 8:30 - "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"
American Folk Hymn, setting by J. Schrader (b.1942),
Debbie Harding, Piano
11:00 - "Andante" George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)

(please stand)

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***HYMN**

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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***BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Chorale: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Our Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service. The nursery is located near the south side entrance.

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

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| Rev. Ken Johnson | Pastor |
| Rev. Jake Lehman | Outreach Pastor |
| Nathan Mattson | Organist/Director of Music |
| Katie Grubaugh | Office Administrator |
| Heidi Albertson | Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry |
| Terri Schmidt | Bookkeeper |
| Margaret Stevenson | Hospitality Host |
| Bob Koenes | Custodian |
| Dr. William Musselman | Organist/Director Emeritus |

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Magerlein, Sheree Sorensen

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Teri Koretsky, Janet Gullickson
11:00 Julie & Keith Peterson

LECTORS: 8:30 Arlen Gullickson
11:00 Sarah Zimmermann

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Avery & Nolan Fowler
11:00 Miryam Greenman, Evelyn Sutherland

PRAYER CONCERNS: David Mason, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher, Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau, Linda Ward, Kendall.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Janet & Arlen Gullickson in honor of their granddaughter Gillian's 11th birthday.

Weekly Announcements

Lenten Wednesday Evening worship services will be in-person each week at 6:30pm. For those unable to join in person, the service will be live-streamed and be available to view on our YouTube channel.

Lenten devotional materials will be available in the Fellowship Hall as we approach the season of Lent and prepare for Easter. Please help yourself!

Christ Clothes Closet: Needs personal hygiene products such as toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, lotion and feminine hygiene.

Please sign up to help with Lenten Soup/Salad Suppers starting March 12.

Lenten Wednesday Evening Services start on Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30pm. Every following Wednesday in Lent, a Soup/Salad Supper will begin at 5:45 before the Lenten Service. We ask for our congregants to sign up to help provide food for these suppers by signing up on the list posted on the Youth Board opposite the kitchen in the downstairs hallway!

Green Team Meeting with Special Guest! You are invited to join the Green Team on Tuesday March 11th from 2-3pm as we welcome special guest Molly Mechtenberg! Molly is the Executive director of Hope for Creation, a faith-based organization focused on environmental stewardship and sustainability. She will share about the efforts that are happening in our community and how we as a team at Trinity can continue our work to care for the good world God made!



Family Ministry : Pretzels and Prayers

Sunday, March 16th 12:30-2pm

Lent is here and it's often a time for prayer and reflection and... pretzels?!?! A pretzel is special tool used by pastors to help children learn about prayer.

After we eat some lunch, we will make our own

pretzels and create special pretzel prayers for our congregation members.

Hopefully you can join us for this fun time together.

Basket Weaving at Trinity! A basket weaving class is being offered on Saturday, April 19 just in time for Easter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship hall if you're interested. The interest in the type of basket and time will be used to determine the final details of the class. Questions? Contact Jennifer Gougeon-Catarino gougeonjs@gmail.com

Bring Your Ugly Mug to Church! Okay, it doesn't have to be ugly, but bring your mug to church! In an effort to produce less waste and give a little more of a personal touch the coffee we sip on Sunday mornings we've added a "Mug Wall" to the fellowship hall. There are detailed instructions next to the wall, but the basic idea is you bring in a mug from home, you use the mug when you're here, we wash the mug during the week! Simple, right!? So we'll say it again, Bring your ugly (or not ugly) mug to church!

Ladies Lunch will be March 12 at 11:30am at Alibi (153 W. Center Ave., Portage) This is a fun way to meet with old friends and make new connections with each other. All women are welcome! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall; hope to see you there!

Good Samaritan Fund Need Trinity's Good Samaritan fund is the fund that enables us to meet the needs of those in our community during some of their most difficult moments. This fund is generated entirely through the generosity of our congregation. These funds go toward electric bills, rent, and other essentials when our neighbors are facing utility shut-offs, eviction notices, or seeking to get into housing. Due to a sustained time of high demand this fund balance is running low. If you find yourself in a position to be able to give, any gift is greatly appreciated. Simply designate the gift to the "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of your check or give online under the "giving" tab on our website www.tlckzoo.com.

If you have access to Thrivent Grants, please consider using one to help purchase needed items and supplies for church outreach and events! Contact the church office if you are looking to find out more.

Greece & Turkey Trip – “Walk in the Footstep of Paul and John” - Summer 2027 Trinity is exploring the option of taking a Youth and Congregational trip to Greece and Turkey the summer of 2027. If you would be interested in joining us or would like more information, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or the Youth Board, or fill out the interest form online in our weekly emails. We will have an informational meeting sometime in the spring, so look for more details soon! If you are in middle school, a parent/guardian would have to attend the trip. If you are in high school, Heidi Albertson would act as your guardian if a parent/guardian is not going on the trip.

Refugee Families in Need! Trinity is working with our local refugee services to help provide for new refugee families in Kalamazoo. Some of those basic needs include:

- Linens - Towels (kitchen and bath), Blankets, Sheets
- Cleaning supplies & Laundry baskets and detergent
- Toilet paper & Paper towels
- Personal Hygiene products (soap, lotion, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene, deodorant)
- Strollers, car seats



If you are interested in helping with this project you can drop items off to church labeled “Refugees” any time the church is open; or if you wish to contribute financially to our Kalamazoo Refugees, scan the QR code to make a donation. And if you would like to volunteer time to help our refugee families, please contact Bess Fitzgerald (bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com) or the church office.

We are once again hosting American Red Cross blood drives at Trinity in 2025.

The next dates are Wednesday April 16, 2025, Wednesday June 25, 2025, Wednesday August 27, 2025. We are asking for volunteers to become part of the team to help with registrations/hospitality, some set-up and closing the church at end of the drive. If you are interested/able to do this, please contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 or the church office.

Hold the date for Sunday, April 27, 2025 - the Kalamazoo Valley CROP Hunger Walk is back! New this year: Trinity Lutheran will be the starting and ending point for the walk! We are also working on an alternative activity during the walk for non-walkers. CROP Hunger Walks raise money for [Church World Service](#) hunger/ poverty reduction projects locally (~25%) and internationally (~75%). This year our local funds will go to Loaves & Fishes food pantry. If you are interested in walking, donating to our Trinity team, or just would like more information, please contact Karn Erlandson (karnerlandson@yahoo.com; 269-579-0619). Our team web page is available for online donations at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-lutheran-kalamazoo>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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| Sun | Mar 9 | Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11AM Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Parent small group 10 High School Youth Service project 12:15 Sons of Norway 2-5 |
| Tue | Mar 11 | Christ Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves and Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30 |
| Wed | Mar 12 | Ladies Lunch 11:30 Soup/Salad Supper 5:45 Lent Service 6:30 |
| Thu | Mar 13 | P.E.O. 10-3 Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30 |
| Sat | Mar 15 | Violin Choir 4-6 |
| Sun | Mar 16 | Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11AM Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Parent small group 10 Family Ministry event 12:30-2 |