*BLESSING*
P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.
C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN*  “God Loved the World”  ELW #323
Verses 1, 2 & 5

*SENDING*
P: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major”  Bach
The postlude this morning is played in loving memory of Tamara Schmiege who died of ovarian cancer January 31, 2020. Tamara was a friend and organist of Trinity. This month’s postludes will be works by J.S. Bach played in tribute to the beautiful life of Tamara and ‘Soli Deo Gloria’

Thank you all for being with us on this beautiful Sunday morning. Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately following the service for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

Wednesdays during Lent:
6:00 p.m.  Evening Meal in Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m.  Come experience “Lent in the Attic”
(5 Lenten dramas written by Pastor John Trump acted out as Readers Theatre)
& Holden Evening Prayer Service-Nursery is available

Trinity Lutheran Church
March 15, 2020  10:30 a.m.
Third Week in Lent
Parable of the Tenants (Taxes to Caesar)

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**Guests and Visitors:** A special welcome to you from Trinity’s pastor and congregation members. We pray that this worship will bring you comfort, joy, and renewal. All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you have any questions about the worship service or about Trinity, our Hospitality Team members (at the Welcome Desk or identified by name tag) are happy to help.

Your offering is your presence with us in community. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us again!

**Parents and Caregivers:** Please know that God’s children of all ages are welcome in worship. Younger kids are invited to bring one of our specially-prepared “busy bags” into the worship service along with crayons. Both are available in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. If you wish to step out with your child at any time, there is a special room just outside the worship space where you will be able to view and hear the service. If you prefer, we also offer a staffed Nursery, located to the east of the fellowship hall. Children cared for in the Nursery are brought into worship for the Youth Message.

**Special needs:** Hearing-assistance devices, as well as gluten-free wafers and grape juice for Communion, are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those with mobility trouble. Our Hospitality Team members can help with any of these special needs.

**IN MINISTRY TODAY**

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**CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS: THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY**

Rick Reiten, Senior Pastor
Katie Kline, Education & Family Minister
Paul Falk, Director of Choirs
Alice Crawford, Church Musician
Brenda Harju, TLC Preschool Director
Debbie Schwartz, Financial Manager
Deana Andrist, Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen, Director of Communications
Liz Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator
Joshua Moore, AV Technician
Tiffany Klijewski, Nursery Coordinator

*Please stand as you are able*

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**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We come to the table by Jesus’ invitation. All are welcome! As you come forward, receive the bread and dip it into the red wine or white juice. If you need gluten free, please go to the center station. If you are not ready to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.

**LAMB OF GOD**

*COMMUNION BLESSING*

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

C: Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

C: We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” ELW #800
All are invited to share in these sacred words of promise, as Jesus gives this gift to the people.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying...

C: Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in Remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying...

C: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you, and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in Remembrance of me.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

*LORD’S PRAYER*

1. Our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, Let praise and honor  
   clothe Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done Through -  
   show Your grace. Re - move us from all tempt - ing paths And  
   out the world com - plete Your reign. Teach us, O Lord, to  
   guard us from the dev - il’s ways. For glo - ry, strength, and  
   trust in You. For bread and breath each day a - new.  

2. For - give us, Lord our sins and debts As we to debt - ors  
   C: Amen.

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: Amen.

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God, C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

C: Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN*

"As We Gather at Your Table" ELW #522

*INVOCATION*

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.
“KYRIE*”

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“OFFERING PRAYER*”

C: Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

“GREAT THANKSGIVING*”

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE*

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING  “Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major”  Bach

Children are invited to bring their offering forward for the mission jug, supporting Habitat for Humanity.

*OFFERING HYMN*  “In My Life Lord, Be Glorified”  ELW #744

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.
PRAYER OF THE DAY
C: Son of God, you spoke words to Jerusalem’s leaders that were hard to hear. Give us ears to receive your word of life so that we can follow you faithfully.
Amen.

CHILREN’S MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING
“I Will Follow You”  Darcy Sanley
Trinity Chancel Choir

GOD’S STORY
Mark 12:1-17
1 Then he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 2 When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. 3 But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. 4 And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. 5 Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. 6 He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 7 But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8 So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.
9 What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.
10 Have you not read this scripture: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the keystone; 11 this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”
12 When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.
13 Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said.
14 And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? 15 Should we pay them, or should we not?” But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” 16 And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.”

HYMN OF RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE
Pastor Rick

*APOSTLES’ CREED*
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.