



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, March 16, 2024  
5th Week in Lent

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Hans Leo Hassler  
arr. Chuck Sinclair

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**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS\***

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG\***

*"Wonderful Merciful Savior"*

Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse  
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1. Wonderful merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Chorus

You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for

2. Counselor Comforter Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way (Chorus)

3. Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh we're falling before Your throne (Chorus)

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**KID'S SERMON & OFFERING**

**Pastor Rick**

**READING**

**PSALM 51:1-12**

L: A reading from Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL READING\***

**JOHN 12:20-33**

L: The Gospel according to John chapter 12

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

<sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Rick

### \*PRAISE SONG\*

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

ELW #338

Elizabeth C. Clephane & Frederick C. Maker  
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1. Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus,  
my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one  
who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears,  
two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love  
and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\***

**We believe in the God of life,  
who creates and loves people,  
who acts in history  
and who promises never to leave us alone.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
who is our brother,  
who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.**

**We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit;  
without her we are nothing;  
filled with her we are able to become creative, lively and free.**

**We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,  
a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life,  
where we grow in our understanding of the faith,  
through worship, prayer, nurture and service.**

**We believe God has a use for us in this time and place,  
that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
we are called to be instruments of God's peace.**

**We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying the good of the earth;**

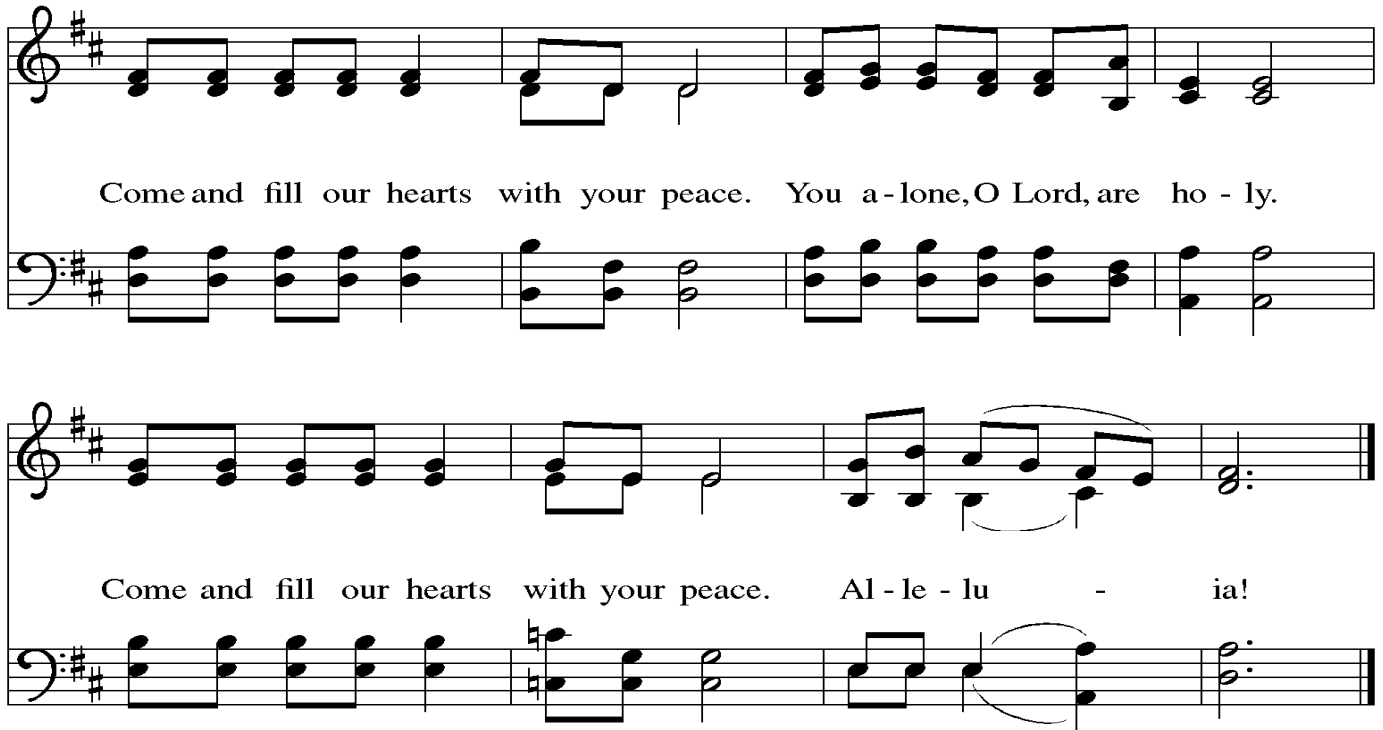
**We believe that people can change, and God keeps pulling us  
to life and to a new world of joy and peace.**

*-- The Reverend Dr. Constance M. Baugh*

*I am a Presbyterian minister who wrote this affirmation for a prison ministry. It was used in the service of Holy Communion to celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Church*

## \*PRAYERS\*

We will sing Come and Fill Our Hearts (**ELW #528**) once through. Following the song we will have two minutes of quiet for contemplative prayer. During the time of silence you are invited to prayerfully listen to what God is calling you to this Lenten season. The silence will feel long, so often in our world we don't take time to be still and listen. This is your invitation into silence and listening to God. We will close the time of prayer by singing again.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

## \*PEACE\*

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## OFFERING

## MISSION MOMENT

Mission Moments are not only about how our dollars are stewarded in this place; our Mission Moments are about the people of this ministry celebrating our mission together.

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today, or use this code to give electronically:*



## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER\*

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING\***

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION\***

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

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

P: ...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.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

ELW pg. 112

**Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION\***

**COMMUNION**

**\*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\***

**Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING\***

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG\***

*"Reckless Love"*

Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury  
& Ryan Jackson

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1. Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

2. When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me

(Repeat)

**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE\***

*"Wonderful Merciful Savior"*  
(reprised)

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Arr. Clinton Ellerbe

## Prayer List

### Members

**Mourning for**  
**Henrietta Richardson**  
**Pat Wiedower**  
**Tim Gauger**  
Ron Smith  
Mary Alice Spelts  
Shirley Garvin  
Barb Klaman  
Kate Stieben  
Sonia Nornes  
Howard Smith  
Carol Hemken  
Tom & Polly Sersen  
Faye Huddleston  
Cooper Hopkins  
Mary Ann Armstrong  
Madyson Hopkins

### Friends & Family

**Larry Hulse, husband of Merry Hulse**  
**Mourning for friends and family of Parker Burleson,**  
**friends The Simmons Family**  
Matt Walker, son of Cheryl Smith  
Teresita Neilsen & Jeff Neilsen, family of Pat Wiedower  
Linnea Kinnaird, grand-daughter of Jill Rose  
Bob & Pat Bilek, friends of Char Gaalswyk  
Isaias Zabalza, grandson of LuLu (Spanish Teacher)  
Brian Benson, nephew of Margaret & Jim Frye  
Jeff McBride, friend of the congregation  
Nancy Casey, daughter of Kate Stieben  
Susan Krogmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben  
Erin Slocum, daughter of Don & Patty Heyse  
Chloe Grace Campbell, Erik Elliot's daughter  
Amanda Harkleroad, niece of Cheryl Dolan  
Beth Barnett, daughter of Eric & Carolyn Biedermann  
Faye Bareau, Sharon Johnson's sister  
Sellena  
Eileen Wilson, friend of the congregation

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>  
Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

**Guests and Visitors:** A special welcome to you from Trinity's clergy 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 (gluten free wafers and juice are available). If you have any questions about the worship service or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts 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 at the table as you enter or exit. Please pick up a 'Sweet Treat' welcome plate from the welcome desk as you leave, and join us again!

**Parents and Caregivers:** Please know that God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. Children are invited to bring one of our specially prepared "worship activity bags" into the worship service. They are available in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. If you wish to step out with your child, the Family Break Room is just outside the worship space, where you can still view and hear the service. On Sunday, if you prefer, we also offer a fully trained Nursery staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

**Special needs:** Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs



### In Ministry Today

**Worship Assistant:** Vicki Volbrecht  
**Communion Prep:**  
**Welcome Table Host:**  
**Fellowship Host:** Trina Garlo  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers from  
St Paul's Episcopal

### Trinity's Clergy Leaders:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Deacon Katie Kline

### Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	<b>Music Coord. &amp; Organist</b>
Tessa Espinosa	<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>
Clinton Ellerbe	<b>Saturday Worship Leader</b>
Jill Hunt	<b>Bells of Trinity Director</b>
Brenda Harju	<b>TLC Preschool Director</b>
Brenda Moore	<b>Financial Manager</b>
Deana Andrist	<b>Office Administrator</b>
Amanda Backsen	<b>Director of Communications &amp; Volunteer Coord.</b>
Claire Pickerel	<b>AV Technician</b>
Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klamann	<b>Shared Nursery Attendant</b>

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

#### **Monday ( March 18)**

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
6:30 pm Solar Meeting-Fireside

#### **Tuesday (March 19)**

9:30 am Volunteer @ Irish Elementary  
6:30 pm Council-Room 2

#### **Wednesday (March 20)**

12:40 pm Volunteer @ Irish Elementary  
4:45 pm Bells of Trinity  
6 pm Lenten Taize Service  
6:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir

#### **Thursday (March 21 )**

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2  
6:30 pm 301 FP Co-Op Meeting-Sunroom

#### **Friday (Mar 22)**

10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

#### **Saturday (Mar 23) Palm Weekend**

10 am Sharing Losses-Fireside  
3-4:30 pm First Communion Class-Sunroom/Kitchen  
5 pm Praise Service  
5 pm Baptism-Freya Deeds

#### **Sunday (Mar 24) Palm Sunday**

9a Adult Forum-Room 2  
9a Sunday School-Room 3  
9a Confirmation-Room 8  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Fellowship

### Coming Up:

#### **HOLY WEEK:**

**Maundy Thursday, March 28:** 7 pm Service

**Good Friday, March 29:**

11-1 Stations of the Cross

7 pm Service

**Holy Saturday, March 30:** 5pm Service

**Easter Sunday, March 31:**

10:30 am Service

11:30 am Easter Brunch

## **Trinity Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.**

Trinity Lutheran – ELCA is a welcoming and inclusive faith community.

We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people.

Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at [www.trinitylutheranfc.org](http://www.trinitylutheranfc.org)

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

**Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.**

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