

Trinity Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.
Trinity Lutheran – ELCA is a welcoming and inclusive church. We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. We are Reconciling in Christ and extend welcome and invitation to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; race, ethnicity, or immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental issues; or other life circumstance. God loves and welcomes all people. We welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

Trinity - 3 congregations, 1 faith community

You may notice there are other church folk around this place of worship who are not Lutheran! Trinity Lutheran shares office and worship space with St. Paul's Episcopal and Mary of Magdala Ecumenical Catholic Community, as partners in ministry. Together we are better, as we share the ministry that God has given to us in the place and time. We are grateful for our partnership together, accompanied by the joys and challenges of living under the same roof. Thanks to God for this opportunity.

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.

So, how can you learn more?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org or contact our pastor for a chat.

**We invite you join us on the journey of faith!
Saturdays at 5p.m. & Sundays at 10:30a.m.**

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Trinity Lutheran Church

March 24, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent Wedding Banquet

“ COME +
to the
wedding
banquet... ”
- matthew 22:4

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



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WELCOME TO TRINITY!



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

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

Hospitality Team
Assisting Minister Linn Zink
Lector Paul Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS: THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY

Rick Reiten, Senior Pastor
Kaari von Bernuth, Pastoral Assistant
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
Joshua Moore, AV Technician
Tiffany Klijewski, Nursery Coordinator

Please stand as you are able

Lent 2019 Weekly Schedule

Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. Evening Meal in Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. Come experience our shared service "The Potter and Me" (A Lenten drama written by Pastor John Trump acted out as Readers Theatre) & Holden Evening Prayer Service
-Nursery is available

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 15: 7:00 p.m. (STPE)
Tuesday, April 16: 7:00 p.m. (STPE)
Wednesday, April 17: 7:00 p.m. (STPE)
Tenebrae Worship
Maundy Thursday, April 18: 6:00 p.m. (MoM)
8:00 p.m. (Shared Service)
Good Friday, April 19: 12:00 p.m. (Shared Service)
7 Last Words 7:00 p.m. (Shared Service)
Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 20: 10:00 a.m. (Shared)
Easter Egg Hunt 2:30 p.m. (STPE)
Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m. (MoM)
Saturday Easter Service, April 20: 5:00 p.m. (TLC)
Easter Sunday, April 21: 7:00 a.m. (TLC)
8:30 a.m. (STPE)
10:30 a.m. (TLC)

BLESSING

P: God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, † bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

ELW #326

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Fantasia in C”

G.F. Handel

A special thank you to **Pastor Rick Reiten** for leading us today, and **thank you** for joining us on this beautiful Sunday morning. Please join us following the service for coffee, conversation and fellowship.



Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 am)

PRELUDE

“Celebration for a New Day”
Bells of Trinity

Susan Wise Carl

CONFESSION AND 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 gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: **Amen.**

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God at the margins,

C: **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

“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 mer - cy.
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 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.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
 A - men, a - men.

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.

COMMUNION SONG

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW #480

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: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

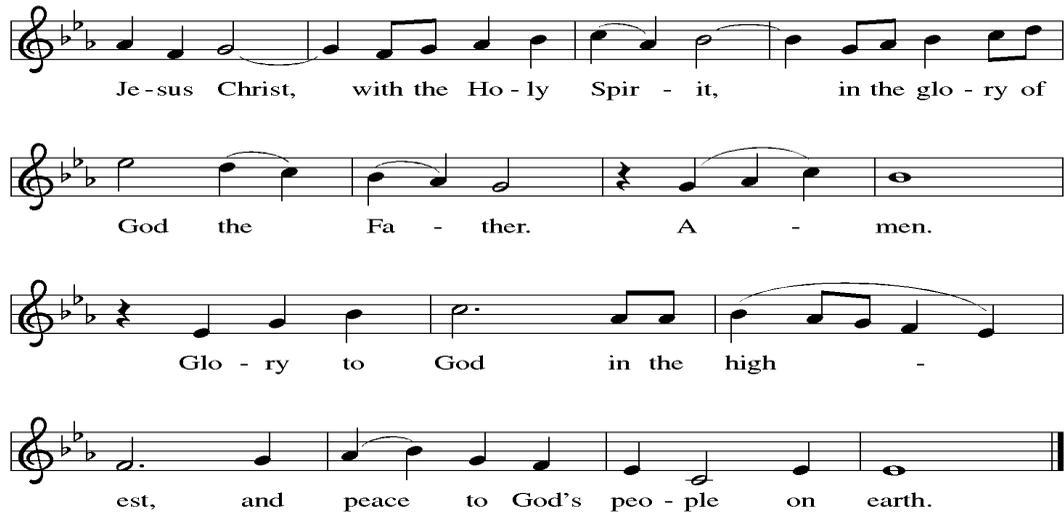
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We come to the table by Jesus’ invitation. All are welcome! As you come forward, receive the bread and the red wine or white juice. Let us know if you need a gluten free wafer. If you are not ready to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.

SONG OF PRAISE

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,

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Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-
 est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God of celebration, you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet, so that all might receive your blessing. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Will Sing the Goodness of the Lord" Emily Crocker
 Trinity Chancel Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

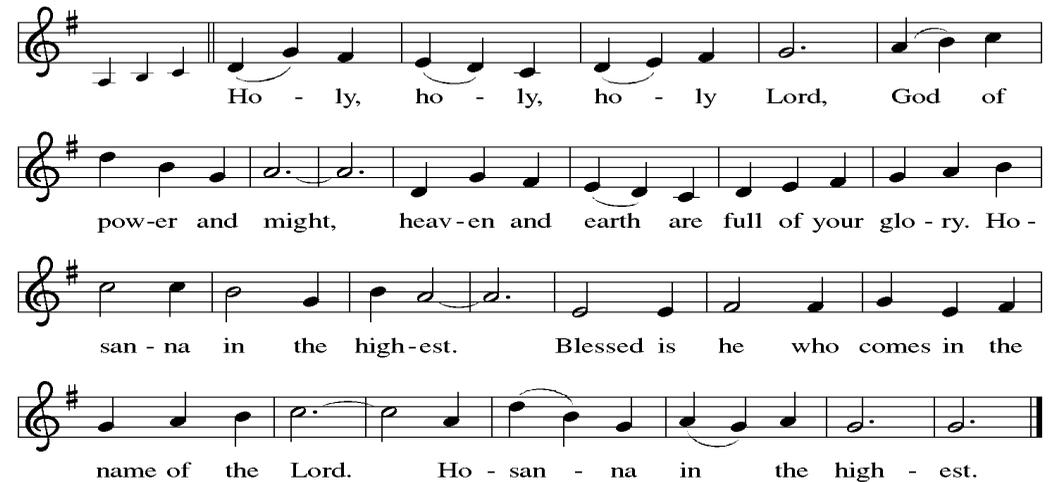
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

OFFERING SONG

"Lord of Light"
Verse 1

ELW #688

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.

Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

GOD'S STORY

MATTHEW 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rick

SONG OF THE DAY

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

ELW #523

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

Setting by
Joel Raney