

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## How Are You Feeling Today?

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Despair



### WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN:

*Just As I Am, without One Plea (ELW 592)*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## LENTEN LITANY

From water to wilderness:  
**God's covenant continues;**  
**God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:  
**God's covenant continues;**  
**God's kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:  
**God's covenant continues;**  
**God's kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,  
**for where he is, we would be also.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**


With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## GREETING

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

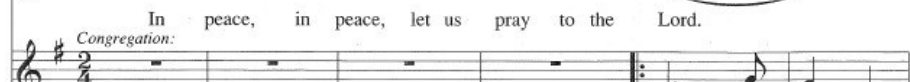
# KYRIE

*Assistant:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*




Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* 




Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

*Assistant:*



For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you




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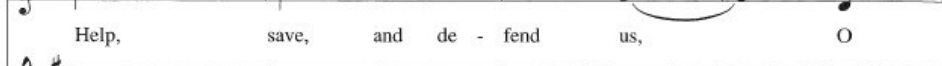


world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

 *Coda*




Help, save, and de - fend us, O




cy.

*\* Ending for Kyrie*



God.



A - - - men.

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

### Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Prsident:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with you.

E G#m C#m E7 A A/B E

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jonah 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup>saying,

“I called to the Lord out of my distress,  
and he answered me;  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.

<sup>3</sup> You cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and your billows  
passed over me.

<sup>4</sup> Then I said, ‘I am driven away  
from your sight;  
how shall I look again  
upon your holy temple?’

<sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me;  
the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped around my head  
<sup>6</sup> at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me forever;  
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,  
O Lord my God.

<sup>7</sup> As my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered the Lord,  
and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup> Those who worship vain idols  
forsake their true loyalty.

<sup>9</sup> But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!”

<sup>10</sup>Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

## PSALM 42

<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

<sup>4</sup> These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,  
my help <sup>6</sup> and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your torrents;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.

<sup>8</sup> By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?”

<sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

<sup>10</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-39


<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der  
faith - ful - ness of God.

*Repeat optional*



# GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### SERMON HYMN:

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (ELW 517)*



1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, send peace and



by de- ceit or sword would wrest the king-dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a-lone; de-fend your ho-ly church, that we  
u-ni-ty on earth; sup-port us in our fi-nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

## **APOSTLE’S 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*As the lector closes each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,

*The people respond:*

**hear our prayer.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING**

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN:

*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* (ELW 814)



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Merciful God,**

**Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Musical notation for the first line of The Great Thanksgiving, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is split between the Presider and the Congregation.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Musical notation for the second line of The Great Thanksgiving, continuing the melody from the first line.

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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Musical notation for the third line of The Great Thanksgiving, continuing the melody from the second line.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

Musical notation for the fourth line of The Great Thanksgiving, continuing the melody from the third line and ending with a double bar line.

right to give God thanks and praise.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Musical notation for the first line of 'Lamb of God' in G major, 4/4 time. It features two staves with lyrics underneath. The first staff is for the congregation and the second is for the congregation or assistant.

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred      and  
you are the way of jus - tice      and  
you are the way of mer - cy      and

*Congregation:*

Musical notation for the second line of 'Lamb of God' in G major, 4/4 time. It features a single staff with lyrics underneath.

world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*

Musical notation for the final stanza of 'Lamb of God' in G major, 2/4 time, then 4/4 time, then 2/4 time. It features two staves with lyrics underneath. The first staff is for the congregation or assistant and the second is for the congregation.

mer - cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you  
*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of      the world:      grant us peace,  
grant us peace,      grant us peace.

\*At the repeat, one or more of these verses may be sung, or one of the seasonal verses which follow.

*Lent:*      You call us to the way of your cross:

## COMMUNION

*White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMN:

#### *O Living Bread from Heaven (ELW 542)*



- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table. May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us. Amen.**

# BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you

May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you

May God look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Feb 18, 2024**

**Altar:** Al & Bobbie Schimek

**Reader:** Damion Liles

**Communion Assistant:**

OPEN

**Fellowship:** OPEN

**NEXT SUNDAY — Feb 25, 2024**

**Altar:** Al & Bobbie Schimek

**Reader:** OPEN

**Communion Assistant:**

OPEN

**Fellowship:** OPEN

## Trinity Happenings:

<b>Sun, Feb 18:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship: Despair w/ N. Keith</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Sunday School behind Gruver</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>140th Anniversary Planning behind Gruver</b>
Mon, Feb 19:	9:00am	<i>NO Becoming</i>
	5:00pm	<i>NO TheologyPUB</i>
<b>Wed, Feb 21:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Soup Supper in Gruver</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Lent Worship: Confusion w/ J. Lawrence</b>
Thu, Feb 22:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
<b>Sun, Feb 25</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship: Anger w/ N. Keith</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver</b>
Mon, Feb 26	9:00am	<i>Becoming in Gruver</i>
	5:00pm	<i>NO TheologyPUB</i>
<b>Wed, Feb 28:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Soup Supper in Gruver</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Lent Worship: Anxiety W/ S. Barrett</b>
Thu, Feb 29:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
<b>Sat, Mar 2:</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Drop-In Crafting Day in Rohr Hall til 5pm</b>
Sun, Mar 3:	9:00am	Worship: Empathy w/ N. Keith
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver



## Lent Soup Suppers

Can you bring a soup, side, or dessert?  
We will need two of each for every meal.  
**SIGN UP IN THE GRUVER ROOM!**



## TRINITY DROP-IN CRAFT & CONVERSATION

March 2, 8am-5pm

Rohr Hall

Tea/Coffee Available

Bring (shareable?) snacks!

# Congratulations

2024 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ASSIGNEES

President

- Adam Huck

Vice President

- Larry Oolman

Secretary

- Steven Barrett

*The Council traditionally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.*