

# Trinity Lutheran Church



*A 2nd Chance  
to Love*



March 9, 2025  
First Sunday of Lent

# PRELUDE: *You Raise Me Up* (R. Lovland/B. Graham)

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this gathering place.

**Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.**

Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning;

All who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

**Generous God and generous Savior touch us through your Spirit.**

## CELTIC BLESSING

May your mornings bring joy

And your evenings bring peace.

May your troubles grow less

As your blessings increase.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)



1	Be	thou	my	vi - sion,	O	Lord	of	my	heart;
2	Be	thou	my	wis - dom,	and	thou	my	true	word;
3	Rich - es	I	heed	not,	nor	vain,	emp - ty	praise,	
4	Light	of	my	soul,	af - ter	vic - to - ry	won,		



naught	be	all	else	to	me,	save	that	thou	art:
I	ev - er	with	thee	and	thou	with	me,	Lord.	
thou	mine	in - her - i - tance,			now	and	al - ways:		
may	I	reach	heav - en's	joys,	O	heav - en's	Sun!		



thou	my	best	thought	both	by	day	and	by	night,
Thou	my	soul's	shel - ter,	and	thou	my	high	tow'r,	
thou	and	thou	on - ly,	the	first	in	my	heart,	
Heart	of	my	own	heart,	what	- ev - er	be - fall,		



wak - ing	or	sleep - ing,	thy	pres - ence	my	light.			
raise	thou	me	heav'n - ward,	O	Pow'r	of	my	pow'r.	
great	God	of	heav - en,	my	trea - sure	thou	art.		
still	be	my	vi - sion,	O	Rul - er	of	all.		

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
Therefore let us confess our sin  
with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

We pray together.

**Holy One, we confess to you and to each other  
that we are tired and weighed down  
by the mistakes we have made,  
even in our closest relationships  
with our friends, our spouses, and our partners.  
We give this burden to you,  
mindful of Jesus' promise that  
he will give us rest.  
We trust in you. Amen.**

Friends, hear the good news of our faith:

✠ God is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
showing compassion to all.

Forgiven and freed, let us rise up with joy  
and share our peace with one another.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE: *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556)



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## CELTIC BLESSING

May you always have...  
A sunbeam to warm you,  
Good luck to charm you,  
And a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you...  
Laughter to cheer you,  
Faithful friends near you,  
And whenever you pray, heaven to hear you.  
**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Matthew 1:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

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

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

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup> **you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in who I put my trust."**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
And the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup> **no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you,  
To guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

## FIRST READING: John 11:17-44

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY:

#### *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)*



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## **CELTIC AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSINGS AND THE PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK**

*May green be the grass you walk on.*

*May blue be the skies above you.*

*May pure be the joys that surround you.*

*May true be the hearts that love you.*

*God's might to uphold you.*

*God's wisdom to guide you.*

*God's eye to look before you.*

*God's ear to hear you.*

*God's word to speak for you.*

*God's hand to guard you.*

*May gladness wash away every disappointment.*

*May joy dissolve every sorrow.*

*May every wound bring wisdom and may every trial bring triumph.*

*And with each passing day,*

*may you live more abundantly than the day before.*

*The strength of God pilot us.*

*The wisdom of God instruct us.*

*The hand of God protect us.*

*The word of God direct us.*

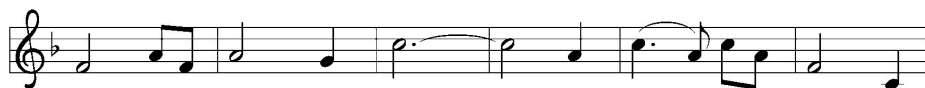


## BLESSINGS AND PRAYER SONG:

### *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)*



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## PEACE

The peace of Christ 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: *In Christ Alone* (S. Townend/K. Getty)

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Receive, O God our Creator, the offerings which we make to you of what you have given us from your creation, so that by the power of your grace these holy mysteries may sanctify our present life and bring us to everlasting joy. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine.

In the beginning you watered the earth that all life may be nourished by your goodness. You gave to your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness.

And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us, your beloved children.

## 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.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.*

*White grape juice is available, and altar bread is gluten-free.*

*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:**

*Come All You Vagabonds*

**(S. Townend/M. Edwards/P. Baggaley)**

*Will You Come and Follow Me* (ELW 798)

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us thank God together,

**awakened by the Spirit's breath, to grow, to glory, to dance,  
and to praise Christ,**

**by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,  
world without end. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Christ as a light illumine and guide us

Christ as a shield overshadow us

**Christ under me, Christ over me**

**Christ beside me, on my left and my right**

This day be within and without us

lowly and meek, yet all powerful

**Christ under me, Christ over me**

**Christ beside me, on my left and my right.**

Be in the heart of each to whom we speak

in the mouth of each who speaks to us

**Christ under me, Christ over me**

**Christ beside me, on my left and my right.**

May the light of Jesus

shine ever brighter in our hearts,

that with all the saints in light

we may shine forth as lights in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

# SENDING SONG: *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a -  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, ev the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## CELTIC BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, may

✠ God

hold you in the hollow of His hand.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE: *We're Marching to Zion* (I. Watts/R. Lowry)**

## Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Mar 9, 2025**

**Altar:** James Apronti

**Reader:** James Apronti

**Communion Assistant:**

James Apronti

**Fellowship:** OPEN

**NEXT SUNDAY — Mar 16, 2025**

**Altar:** James Apronti

**Reader:** Jiwon Han

**Preacher:** Thom Edgar

**Fellowship:**

Belinda & James Apronti

## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Mar 9:	9:00am	Lenten Worship w/ the Band "2nd Chance to Love"
	9:00am	Sunday School behind Gruver Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
<b>Mon, Mar 10:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Jackie Bath Funeral</b>
Tue, Mar 11:	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, Mar 12:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Lenten Worship w/ S. Barrett</b> <b>"2nd Chance to Dream"</b>
Thu, Mar 13:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
<b>Sun, Mar 16:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Lenten Worship</b> <b>"2nd Chance to Forgive"</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
Mon, Mar 17:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm
<b>Tue, Mar 18:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>TheologyPUB</b> <b>@ Coal Creek Downtown</b>
Wed, Mar 19:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
	6:30pm	NO Lenten Worship
<b>Thu, Mar 20:</b>	<b>11:45am</b>	<b>NO MUGG Campus Meeting</b>
Sun, Mar 23:	9:00am	Lenten Worship w/ T. Edgar "Second Chance to Welcome"
	9:00am	Sunday School behind Gruver Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm



365 2nd Chances  
Same God



## ***LENT 2025: THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES***

As we journey through the Bible, we witness God continually offering humanity a second chance to start afresh. The story of the flood, though tragic, represents God's attempt to give humanity a second chance. In the Valley of Dry Bones, God renews the Israelites' hope and life after their exile in Babylon.

Jesus shares the parable of the Prodigal Son, the son who left his father and squandered his wealth. When he returns home, his father, instead of reprimanding him, embraces him with open arms and joyfully offers him a second chance.

Another profound example is the story of Peter, one of Jesus' disciples. Though Peter denies Jesus three times, Jesus later gives him the opportunity to reaffirm his love and commitment, restoring him to a position of trust.

God's act of ultimate grace was sending Jesus to live among us, to teach us, and to bring us back into a relationship with Him. Through His life, Jesus' healing stories went beyond physical restoration. His healing reintegrated people back into their communities and families. Lepers who were once isolated were given a second chance to live as God intended.

This grace culminates in the cross, where Jesus' sacrifice embraces all humanity, offering the world the second chance it cannot achieve on its own. During Lent we will explore the theme of second chances, connecting them to the Bible's narrative.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING?** If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Lebeda, at [alebeda@uwyo.edu](mailto:alebeda@uwyo.edu). If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

**2025 as of January 31**

**Income - \$22,715.01**

**Expenses - \$17,555.90**



# THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT FOR SHROVE TUESDAY!

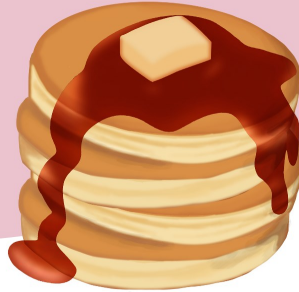
*For the Campus Cabinet*

**WE RAISED OVER FIFTY DOLLARS**

Councilman Larry: \$16

Pastor Nate: \$16

Office Lisa: \$18.77



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