

# Trinity Lutheran Church



*A 2nd Chance  
to Forgive*



March 16, 2025  
Second Lent

# WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN:

### *Come, All You People* (ELW 819)



*U - ya - i - mo - se,                      ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se                      Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship                      the Lord.  
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## 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.**

## KYRIE

Leader



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

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda




For the reign of God, and for  
For your peo - ple here who have

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



peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda



Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

# NOW THE FEAST

*Refrain*



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!

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.

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

## PRAYER FOR LENT

Let us pray together.

**Gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-8a, 15**

And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph; is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, I pray you.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God.

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 40:1-3, 5-10a

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and they shall trust the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>**Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!**

**In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!**

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you  
have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup>**'I love to do your will, O my God;**

**your law is deep within me.'**"

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;**

**I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth.

## SECOND READING: Genesis 50:15-20

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil which we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, we pray you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him, and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Fear not, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he reassured them and comforted them.

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

## 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: Luke 15:11-24a

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the fifteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

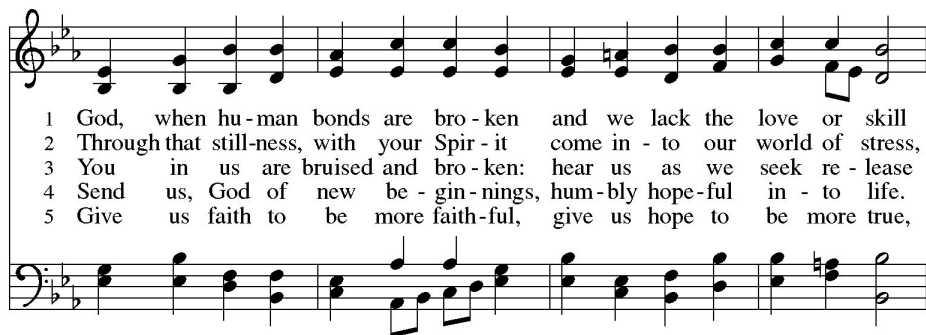
Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

### *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken (ELW 603)*



1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill  
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,  
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease  
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.  
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.  
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.  
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.  
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

## 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

Merciful God, we come before You burdened by our sins. We humbly ask for Your forgiveness and cleansing grace. Renew our hearts and guide us to walk in Your light, living a life that reflects Your love and mercy.

God of compassion, teach us to forgive as You have forgiven. Help us to release anger and hurt, and to extend grace to those who have wronged us, just as You show grace to us each day.

Heavenly God, we pray for our church and community. May we be a people of forgiveness, bound together in love and humility. Let reconciliation and peace flow among us as we reflect Your kingdom on earth.

Loving God, we bring before You our broken relationships. Heal the wounds of the past and soften hardened hearts. Help us to seek and offer forgiveness, so that love may flourish and unity may be restored.

Gracious God, we lift up the brokenness of our world to You. Forgive us for the times we have strayed from Your ways. Bring Your mercy upon us and guide humanity toward repentance, healing, and peace.

God, sometimes our greatest struggle is forgiving ourselves. Remind us that Your love is greater than our failings. Help us to let go of guilt and embrace the new life You offer through Your grace.

Lastly God, help us to live out the prayer You taught us, and “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

**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:

### Lord Jesus, Think on Me (ELW 599)



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.  
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

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



*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

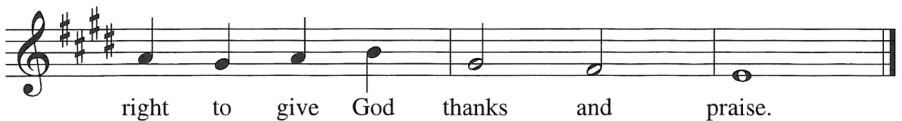
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

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



right to give God thanks and praise.

# LORD'S PRAYER

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

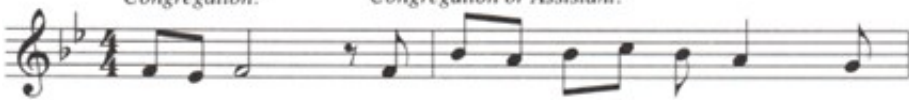
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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:*



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:*



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

## Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*



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.

## 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:

***Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (ELW 606)***

***Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW 612)***

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Generous Host,**

**you have shared your feast with us and made us new.**

**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN:

*There Is a Balm in Gilead* (ELW 614) ♩ = 121

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Mar 16, 2025**

**Altar:** James Apronti

**Reader:** Jiwon Han

**Communion Assistant:**

Jiwon Han

**Fellowship:**

Kris Oolman

**NEXT SUNDAY — Mar 23, 2025**

**Altar:** James Apronti

**Reader:** OPEN

**Preacher;**

Thom Edgar

**Fellowship:**

OPEN

## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Mar 16:	9:00am	Lenten Worship "2nd Chance to Forgive"
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
<b>Mon, Mar 17:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b>
Tue, Mar 18:	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown
<b>Wed, Mar 19:</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm</b> <b>NO Lenten Worship</b>
Thu, Mar 20:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
<b>Sun, Mar 23:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Lenten Worship w/ T. Edgar</b> <b>"Second Chance to Welcome"</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Sunday School behind Gruver Rm</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
Mon, Mar 24:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, Mar 26:</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm</b> <b>Lenten Worship w/ D. Greller</b> <b>"Second Chance for Faith"</b>
Thu, Mar 27:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Cafe
<b>Sun, Mar 30:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Band Lenten Worship w/ J. Apronti</b> <b>"Second Chance to Accept"</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Chalice Painting</b>

**ARE YOU  
READY TO  
TAKE FIRST  
COMMUNION?**



Chalice Painting: Mar 30  
First Communion: Apr 17

**Talk to Pastor Nate  
by March 19th.**

## Agape Meal

**Please plan on 5:30pm  
April 17 for a carry-in  
Agape Meal before 6:30PM  
Maundy Thursday First  
Communion. Agape meals  
typically feature simple  
finger foods, especially  
crusty breads, olive oil,  
cheeses, fresh or dried  
figs/apricots/dates, and  
fresh vegetables. Hummus  
and/or lentil soup is also  
popular. Water and wine  
(also grape juice 😊) are  
the customary beverages.**

**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



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*Pastor* ..... **Pastor Nathan Keith**  
*Accompanists* ..... **Soyeon Kang**  
*Financial Secretary* ..... **Alison Lebeda**  
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