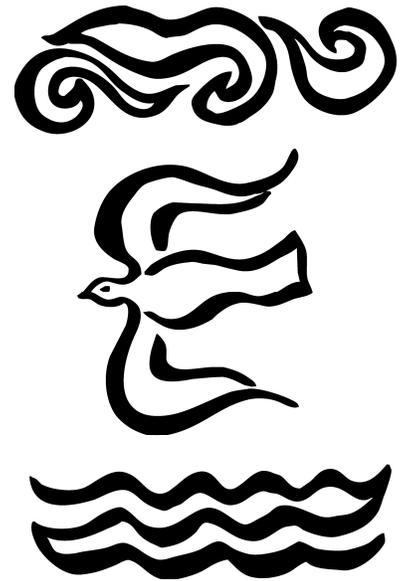


Sunday, March 1, 2026
The Second Sunday in Lent

Trinity Lutheran Church
11:00am: Downtown
401 Fifth Street N



 **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **PRELUDE**

 **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes all guilt
and blots out our offenses.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you,
For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word,
For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit,
**For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers,**
For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world,
**For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:**
Gracious God,
have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, which is a gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of Jesus Christ, † your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN *God Loved the World*

ELW 323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.



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

“Kyrie eleison,” Greek for “Lord have mercy,” is one of the most ancient prayers of the Christian Church. Lutherans use it in a prayer that our time of worship will be blessed by God’s presence.



Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

Cantor: In peace, may we assemble. In peace, may we unite. In peace, may we be whole. Move within each heart. **R**

For all who suffer in war, for all who struggle for comfort, for all who slumber in ease. Move within each heart. **R**

We are broken, longing for peace; forgiveness flow among us. May we be reconciled. Move within each heart. **R**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹ The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 121

The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by “R”

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
my help comes from the LORD.

¹ *I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?*

² *My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

³ *The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep. R*

⁴ *Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;*

⁵ *the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;*

⁶ *the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. R*

⁷ *The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.*

⁸ *The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore. R*



SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing:



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.



GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

The good news of God's love according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader among the Judeans. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can

enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *What Wondrous Love is This?*

ELW 666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

THE APOSTLES' 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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

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THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

ELW 505



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342-c. 1413
 Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936



OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



THE 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Passover feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table; feast on God's goodness and mercy.
Amen.



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 HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for life's journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN *Blessed Assurance*

ELW 669



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Trust the good news.
Thanks be to God. We will!



POSTLUDE

[Livestream ends]



Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: (ML) = Meadowlawn Campus (DT) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistant(s)	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
03/01/26	DT	11 AM	Linda Gascon	Frances Guido, Aimée Fox	Roy Pringle	In Gratitude
03/08/26	DT	11 AM	Marty Snapp	Phil Rearick, Ruth Kinsey	Pat Shipley	IHO Don Shipley's Birthday
03/15/26	ML	11 AM	Terri Craig	Marty Snapp, Gary Bartelt	Phil Rearick	IMO Annemarie Rearick
03/22/26	ML	11 AM	Phil Rearick	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
03/29/26	ML	11 AM	Betty Herzhauser	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon	F. Guido	For the glory of God

Birthdays this week:

- None -

(Apparently we stuffed all of the birthdays and anniversaries into last week!)

Anniversaries this week:

- None -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (03/01)

12:30pm – All Ages Education Hour!

Monday (03/02)

10:00am – Bert's Breakfast Buddies (Kopper Kitchen)

Tuesday (03/03)

2:00pm – Healthy Grieving (DT 2nd Floor)

Wednesday (03/04)

11:30am– Community Meals Program (DT 3rd Floor)

1:00pm – Grace & Games (DT 2nd Floor)

6:00pm – Bible Study (CommUNITY Rm)

Thursday (03/05)

6:00pm - Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)

6:30pm - Choir Practice (ML Sanctuary)

Friday (03/06)

9:30am - TLC Pantry (DT 1st Floor)

9:30am - Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

6:00pm - First Friday Dinner (CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (03/07)

9:00am - Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

Grief Support Gatherings: Sessions will begin this Tuesday at 2pm (Downtown Campus). Copies of the book "ABCs of Healthy Grieving: A Companion for Everyday Coping" are available for purchase in the church office(s) for \$10. They will also be available at the first session.

Grace & Games: This Wednesday is the first regular meeting of our new Grace & Games Group! Join us in the fellowship hall (2nd floor) of the Downtown Campus!

NEXT SUNDAY: Is the beginning of Daylight Saving Time – remember to set your clocks forward one hour!

Also, March 8th is scheduled to be the first Sunday service for City Church to be held at our downtown facility. Their service will run from 9am-10:15am, with the understanding that their congregants should be clearing out by 10:30 to vacate the parking lot for our members to arrive. Choir members, this will affect you most of all, as your warmup is scheduled from 10:30-10:45, allowing for our service to begin at 11am.

NEXT TUESDAY: March 10th is the first meeting of our now-merged women's group! The **Women of Grace** will meet at 11:30am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowlawn campus. Meetings are BYOSL (bring your own sack lunch)!

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Marion Cheslock
Judy Milanese
Petra Young

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Jill Boos Martin
Pr. Felice Johnson
Sally Evans
Mary Alice Boller
Paula Smith
Vickie Clark
Luke Mendenhall
Guy Smith
Joyce Dare
Cecil Miles
Linda Miles
Bill Quinn
Doug Pryor
Corinne, Bob, & Irma Kay
Leonard
Robert & Brenda Meredith
Brian Schutzbach
Shakira and family
Janet Crim
Pr. Tom Snapp
Will Diefel
Billy Boynton

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

Fill out the form below or scan the provided QR Code to contact us digitally.

Today's Date:

03/01/26



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