

LENT

Turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

JOEL 2:13 (KJV)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lenten Midweek 4

March 11, 2026, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Thank you for worshiping with us today, whether at home or in person. If you are visiting, please honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Prayer requests may be emailed to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

Our Vision:

Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love

Our Mission:

***Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***



AS WE GATHER TODAY

We seldom seek to be overlooked, except when we are guilty of something. But in the Passover, God passed over the Israelites' sins, and He continues to do that for us. Christ is the Lamb of God, and His sacrifice is good for us. We do not want to be overlooked! In fact, in Jesus' parable, the faithful servants are those who dare not let any opportunity for profit be overlooked. What would you want God to overlook, or see, in your life?

LENT MIDWEEK 4

Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus

Please Stand

HYMN 550 "Lamb of God"



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 32:1; Matthew 25:29; Exodus 12:13*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

People: whose sin is covered.

Pastor: For to everyone who has will more be given,

People: and he will have an abundance.

Pastor: I will pass over you,

People: and no plague will befall you to destroy you.

PSALM *Psalms 32*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

People: **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

People: **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Therefore, let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

People: **You are a hiding place for me;
You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

Pastor: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

People: **Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.**

Pastor: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

People: **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

People: **and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Be Seated

FIRST READING *Exodus 12:1–14*

(God gives commands for celebrating the Passover.)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 5:6–8*

(Paul encourages total cleansing and rejoicing.)

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 25:17–30*

(Jesus tells a parable about someone who did not use the talents he was allotted.)

So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY *Psalms 32:11; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Exodus 12:11*

Pastor: Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!
People: **Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

Pastor: Cleanse out the old leaven.
People: **Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

Pastor: And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.
People: **Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

PASSION READING *Mark 14:66–15:11*

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Be Seated

HYMN 431 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

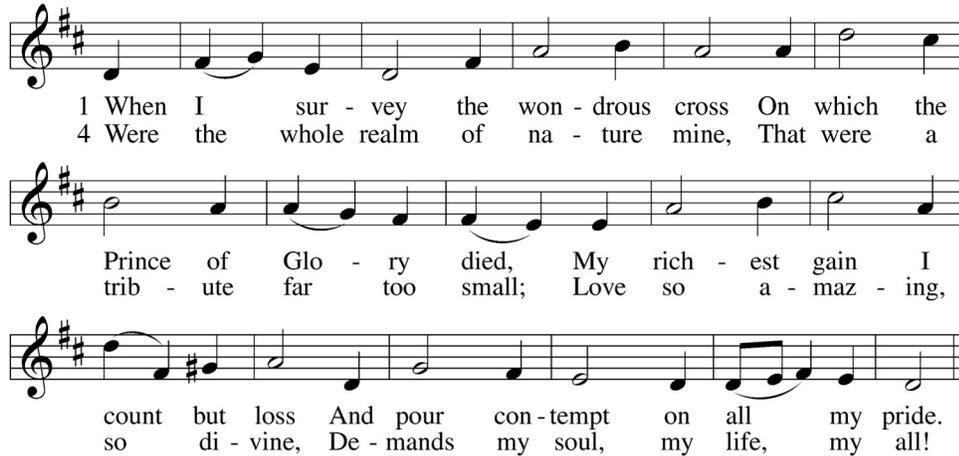
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SERMON

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 426 vv. 1, 4 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Kneel or Be Seated

PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God's hearing their prayers.

People: **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**

Pastor: Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.

People: **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.

People: **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all who fear God's punishment.

People: **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.

People: **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**

Pastor: Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.

People: **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**

Pastor: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways

People: **and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
People: **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: **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.**

Please Stand

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord, who has passed over you in mercy, bless you.
The Lord, who sent His Son to pay for your sins, bless you.
The Lord, who calls you His sons and daughters, bless you and keep you, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

HYMN 433 "Glory Be to Jesus"



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,

Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Be Seated

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Psalm 32:1*

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Lent

(March 11, 18, 25): 1:00 & 7:00pm

Palm Sunday (March 29): 8:30 & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday (April 2): 1:00 & 7:00pm

Good Friday (April 3): 3:00 & 7:00pm

Easter Sunday (April 5): 8:30 & 11:00am

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