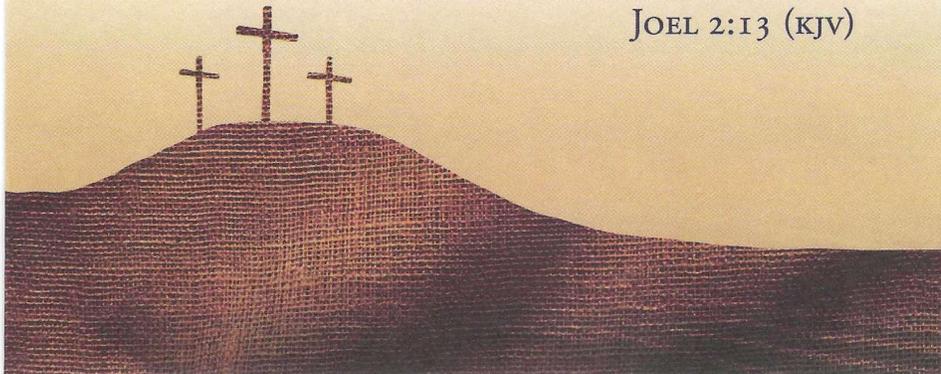




LENT

*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 5
March 18, 2026, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Thank you for worshipping 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

When the Israelites seemed trapped, the way out for them was through the middle of the sea. For Christians today, it has been through the waters of Baptism. It is Jesus who is the way, and the truth, and the life. God's Old Testament people survived to continue their escape in the desert. But we follow Christ, in our daily walk, through a resurrection like His, and on to the place He has readied for us. This is all good news for us from Exodus.

LENT MIDWEEK 5

Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us

Please Stand

HYMN 601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 143:1, 5, 10*

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

People: **In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

Pastor: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

People: **I ponder the work of Your hands.**

Pastor: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

People: **Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

PSALM *Psalm 121*

Left side: *I lift up my eyes to the hills.*

From where does my help come?

Right side: *My help comes from the LORD,*
who made heaven and earth.

Left side: *He will not let your foot be moved;*

Right side: *He who keeps you will not slumber.*

People: **Behold, He who keeps Israel**
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Left side: The LORD is your keeper;
Right side: the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Left side: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
Right side: The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
People: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Be Seated

FIRST READING *Exodus 4:5–31* (The Lord protects His people at the sea.)

“that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.” Again, the LORD said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. Then God said, “Put your hand back inside your cloak.” So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. “If they will not believe you,” God said, “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”

But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.” Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs.”

Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, “Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.” And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead.” So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

And the LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.’”

At a lodging place on the way the LORD met him and sought to put him to death. Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it and said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!” So he let him alone. It was then that she said, “A bridegroom of blood,” because of the circumcision.

The LORD said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.” So he went and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which he had sent him to speak, and all the signs that he had commanded him to do. Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3–5 (We shall be raised as Christ was.)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1–6 (Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life.)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

1 Corinthians 10:1–4

Lector: Our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea.

People: The Rock was Christ.

Lector: All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

People: The Rock was Christ.

Lector: All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink.

People: The Rock was Christ.

PASSION READING

Mark 15:12–24

And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.

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

Be Seated

HYMN 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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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

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God of mercy, although we merit only punishment, You give abundantly for every need. Through our Savior Jesus Christ provide us with every physical gift our bodies need in this earthly life, and every heavenly blessing our souls need in the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, after the holy example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, inspire all pastors to a devout care for their people and a continual desire to feed them with the bread of life. Awaken in the hearts of our congregations a mutual love for this faithful service in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, our Shepherd, protect, comfort and guide all who call upon You in need [*especially* _____]. Grant healing and peace, that they may continue to serve You with joy in this life and finally come to that good land in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You give daily bread to everyone without our prayer, even to all evil people. Bless the merciful works of Your Church for the poor and needy, that rooted in Christ's love for us, we may reflect and share that love with others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

People: **Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 protected His people throughout the exodus, bless you.
The Lord, who sustained them in the desert, bless you.
The Lord, who led them and you to the Promised Land, bless and keep you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more;
shield; Feed me till I want no more.
Thee; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee.

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 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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