

LENT



The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lenten Midweek 4

March 26, 2025, 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

One of the newest jobs on offer today is being a “tasker.” A tasker does jobs that people do not have the time or the inclination to do—like holding a place in line for a concert, sports event, or any kind of sale. Websites and apps invite potential customers to describe their task, choose their tasker from the list provided, and thus get their job done. They list locations where taskers can be hired across the United States and even internationally. Then, taskers can choose from a list of jobs where they might take the customer’s place. Throughout the season of Lent, we tell and retell how Jesus, the very Son of God, took our place and became a sacrifice to pay the price of our sins. This greatest of tasks He did not for any material payment but because of His dying love for us!

LENT MIDWEEK 4

The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place

Please Stand

HYMN 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

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

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

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

Pastor: 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.

People: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of love, You lifted up Your Son on the cross so that You could draw all people to Him. Fill us with thanksgiving for this incredible love that we dare to believe is ours. Help us to be faithful servants of Your new covenant, reaching out to all those whom You claim; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

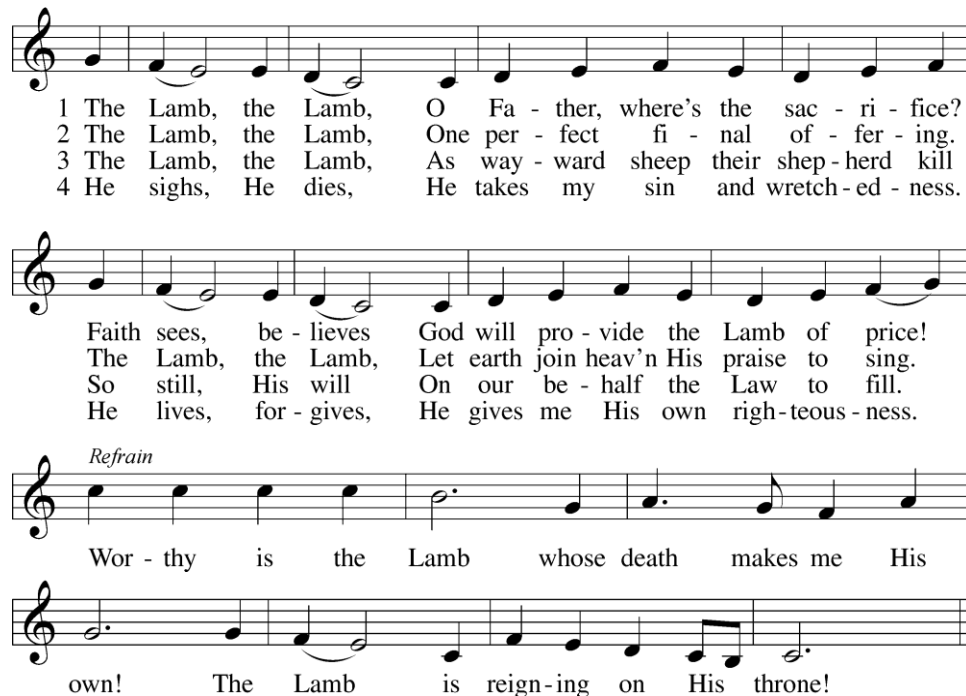
People: Amen.

HYMN INTRODUCTION

Pastor: Although located in the “Redeemer” section of the hymnal, the contemporary hymn “The Lamb” is appropriate to the Lenten season as it highlights the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Recalling the story of Abraham’s sacrifice of a ram on the mountain in place of his son Isaac, the hymn’s refrain is an ascription of praise that echoes the heavenly praise of Christ the Lamb recorded in the book of Revelation: “Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9). The praise of the Lamb is a never-ending song for His faithful people.

: Although some hymns are written over a long period of time and are frequently revised, “The Lamb” was not. Author Gerald Coleman wrote the text during a three-hour summer school class at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in the mid-1980s. The author felt that the work should remain as he initially wrote it. The text has never been amended or changed. A gifted musician as well as an inspired writer, Coleman composed the tune for the text and named it Winter in honor of a Nebraska family who had shown him Christian hospitality.

HYMN 547 vv. 1-4 "The Lamb"



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Be Seated

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1–18 (Abraham sacrifices a ram instead of his son Isaac.)

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of

heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have sinned against You, but You have been merciful to us and have forgiven our transgressions. As Your Son covered Himself in our guilt that our sins may be covered in His redeeming blood, help us to find our peace in Him, who gave Himself for us, for in Him we are protected from trouble, and Your grace is our hiding place; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:7–14

("The righteous shall live by faith.")

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Romans 10:17

People: **Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:16–17*

(God's love causes Him to send His Son to redeem the world.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**


"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Be Seated

HYMN 433 vv. 1-4 "Glory Be to Jesus"



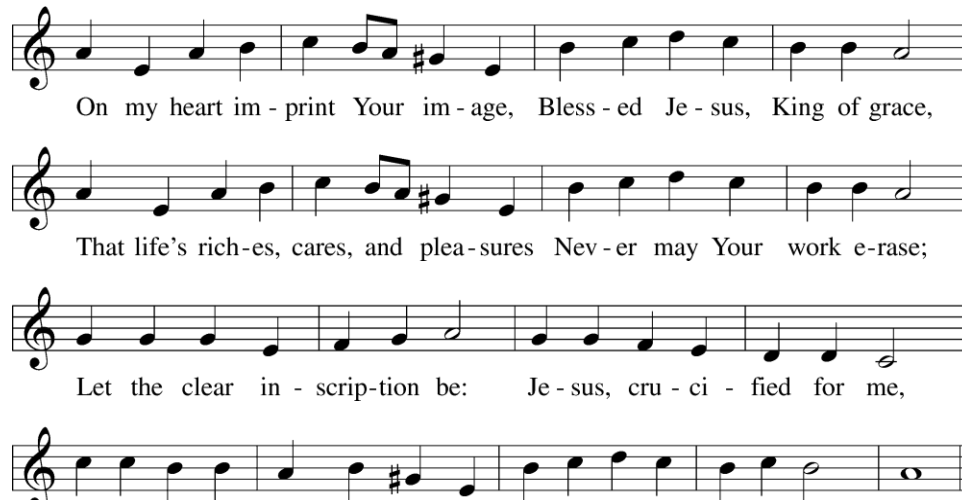
1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;

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.

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SERMON

HYMN 422 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Please Stand

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

PASSION READING

John 18:28–32

(Jesus goes before Pontius Pilate.)

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Be Seated

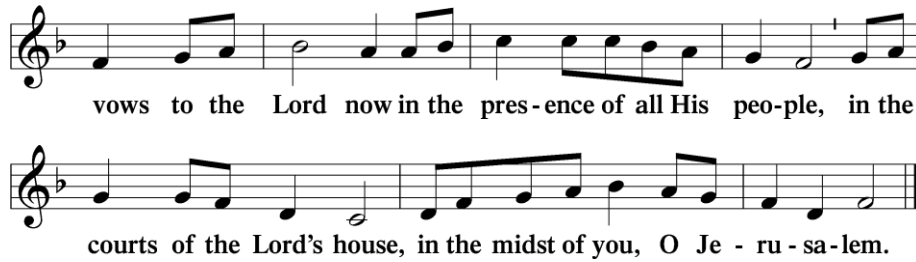
OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY



G What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



Kneel or Be Seated

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People: Let our cry come to You.

Pastor: Gracious God, heavenly Father, as You did not withhold Your Son, Your only Son,

People: but gave Him up for us,

Pastor: grant us peace and assurance

People: in the knowledge of Your saving love.

Pastor: For this is love—not that we have loved You but that You have loved us

People: and have given Your Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Pastor: Grant that this Good News spread throughout creation that more people in every place may know that You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son,

People: that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Pastor: Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

Pastor: Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

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 bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.
People: Amen.

HYMN 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Be Seated

*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
Romans 5:6*

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Lent

(March 26, April 2, 9): 1:00 & 7:00pm

Palm Sunday (April 13): 8:30 & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday (April 17): 1:00 & 7:00pm

Good Friday (April 18): 3:00 & 7:00pm

Easter Sunday (April 20): 8:30 & 11:00am

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