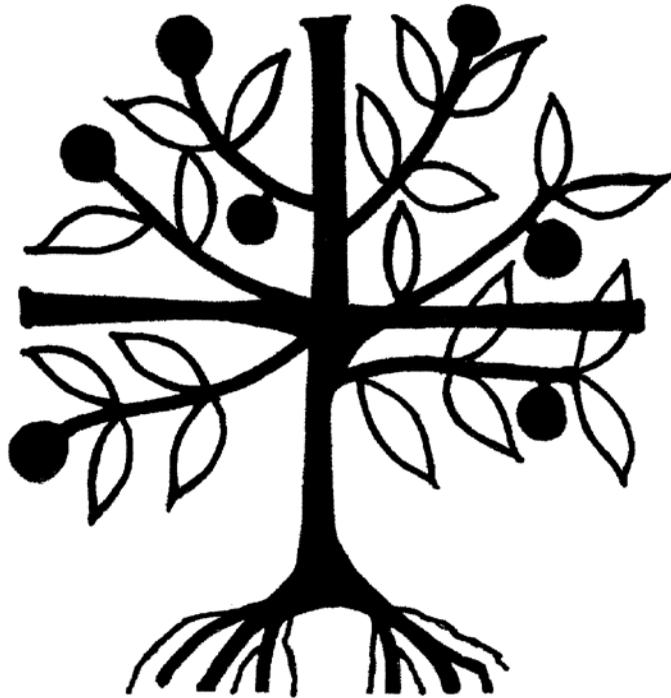


Longing for Wholeness



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude

Give Me Jesus
arr. Susan T. Nelson

Handbell Choir

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

We confess to you, most loving God, the sins that both bind and scatter us. We have knowingly believed dishonest words. We have questioned your gracious power again and again. We have given into temptation. We have acted out of fear, placing blame on others yet holding ourselves apart. In our disbelief and confusion we have hurt our neighbors and ourselves. Gather us back to you. Forgive us, free us, and make us whole for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Friends, beloved of God,

Jesus came not to condemn the world but that all might be saved through him. In the name of † Christ your sins are forgiven. May God unbind your guilt and shame, lead you by the Spirit, and bring you to wholeness in abundant life.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Hymn #325

1. I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*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 Eleison

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

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Refrain:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
4. For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

*Prayer of the Day

God our Creator,

We long for wholeness in our hearts and in our lives.

When we are tempted by quick fixes or twisted promises,

remind us that true sustenance, protection, and power is found only in you.

Lead us by your Spirit to rest confidently in your love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Take My Life and Let It Be

Handbell Choir

arr. Ron Mallory

Reading

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11*Longing for Wholeness*

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hymn #504

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
 he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
 The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
 With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
 But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
 You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
 Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

***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 the Church**

Congregational Response: **Hear our prayer.**

***Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Council Moment

Stewardship Moment

Jim Sandquist

Offering

*Thank you for your continued financial support.
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as
you leave worship. Or give online at www.trin.org/give.*



Offertory Response

We Are An Offering

Hymn #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

*Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

**You have met us here and filled our hearts with your truth,
that we might rejoice in the abundance you provide.
Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence,
seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God,
and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

*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.**

***Benediction**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: 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.**

***Closing Hymn**

Jesus, Still Lead On

Hymn #624

verses 1, 3, 4

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand in the promised land.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karla Keller

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In Our Prayers:

Scott Johnson, Frank Fritzke, Dick Erickson, Stacey Lewandowski,
Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Stacey Barta (niece of
Bob & JoAnn Lohmann), Robin Nelson (sister-in-law of Curt and Eileen Nelson),
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family



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Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, treats and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

February Underwear Drive! Trinity invites you to donate new underwear in all sizes (kids to adult) for the Free Store at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Drop off new packages of underwear at our Donation Station at the main parking lot entrance.

Trinity Call Committee The Church Council is forming a Call Committee to search for Trinity's new permanent pastor. If you are interested in being considered for this committee, please notify the church office.

Stewardship Campaign Thank you for returning your Stewardship Campaign pledge cards and "Time & Talent" forms today. Both items can still be turned into the church office any time or be completed online at www.trin.org under the GIVE menu. Thank you for the many ways you support the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Midweek Lent Services Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25
Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Worship at 7:00 pm (Onsite & Online)

Contemplative Practices for Lent Explore this year's Lenten resource guide, featuring weekly reflections and prayer practices designed to help you slow down and follow God's lead. Booklets are available in the narthex and at the Welcome Center.

A Community Action Conversation Join us for the next gathering of Trinity's Social Justice Team today, Sunday, February 22 at 10:15 am, to continue the conversation about how Trinity can support and show up for our community in times of need. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Conference Room following worship.