

**MARCH 20, 2024**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Worship Times: Sundays 8am @ 10:30am

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Trinity Lutheran  
Church, LCMS

**Pastor**  
Blair Clark

And

**Guest Pastor**  
Bryan O'Connor

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Keyboard  
Joan Egeland

**March 20, 2024**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Rev. Blair Clark, Pastor

**Our Mission**

*"To share the good news of Jesus Christ"*



**Our Vision  
STATEMENT**

*"To serve as God guides us to bring people  
closer to Jesus Christ through worship, Bible  
studies, prayer and fellowship"*

**WELCOME!!!**

May the Holy Spirit bless our worship! We extend a warm welcome to each of you. May you find joy, comfort and strength as you worship with us today!

**OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:**

Members and guests: Please register your attendance in the red pad located at the end of each row. **We ask our guests to please print your complete address and phone number.** When it reaches the other end of the row, pass it back. Upon its return note the other names; you may meet a new friend in Christ today.

**Please turn off your cell phone.**

**If you desire a hearing assistance unit,  
speak with an usher.**

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



*5th Midweek  
Lenten Service*

## GUIDED TO PERSEVERANCE MARCH 20, 2024

We welcome Pastor Bryan O'Connor and thank him for sharing God's Word with us today. It is our prayer that you are blessed with today's message and that it strengthens you in your faith walk with Jesus Christ.

### **PRELUDE –** *By Joan Egeland*

#### **“JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA”**

William Bradberry Arr. Cindy Berry

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#### **“THERE IS A FOUNTAIN”**

Traditional American Melody Arr. Victor Labenske

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#### **“THE WAY OF THE CROSS LEADS HOME”**

Charles H. Gabriel Arr. Victor Labenske

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### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**[Please stand]**

## OPENING HYMN

### “LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS”

#### LSB #685 vs 1, 2 & 4

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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Jesus repeatedly told his disciples what lay ahead for him. It was the purpose for which he had come. Calling himself the Son of Man, a title for the Messiah from the prophet Daniel, Jesus said, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day"

**C** **Teach us, Lord, to follow you in faithfulness.**

**P** As the time drew near for Jesus to finish his earthly ministry and to be taken up to heaven, he turned to Jerusalem and to the cross: "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem."

**C** **When our days are difficult and challenging, Lord Jesus, help us to keep our focus on you.**

**P** As Jesus began to take his final steps toward the cross, he said, "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name"

**C** **Jesus, in faithfulness, you took up the cross for the sake of our salvation. Set your cross before us to guide us to persevere in faith.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, and ask his forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, we are called to persevere in our obedience to your will and your ways, but instead we sin against you. We do not walk in your ways or love others as we should. We are more interested in fulfilling our own desires than serving others and being faithful to your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.**

**P** God, in his mercy, sent his Son to deliver us. Jesus faithfully obeyed his Father's will and suffered and died to save us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C** **Lord, lead us to walk faithfully in your ways.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Lord Jesus, you set your face toward Jerusalem as the time of your death drew near. You did not turn away from what lay ahead. In Gethsemane, you prayed that your Father's will, not yours, would be done. You were faithful to your purpose and obedient to your heavenly Father, obedient to the point of death on a cross. Lead us by your Spirit to be faithful to you in our thoughts, words and actions, so that our lives bear witness to your steadfast love. Amen.

## THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT

***Micah 6:7–8***

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

### EPISTLE

***Ephesians 6:13–20***

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**[Please stand]**

### HOLY GOSPEL

***John 19:16-22***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord!**

So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

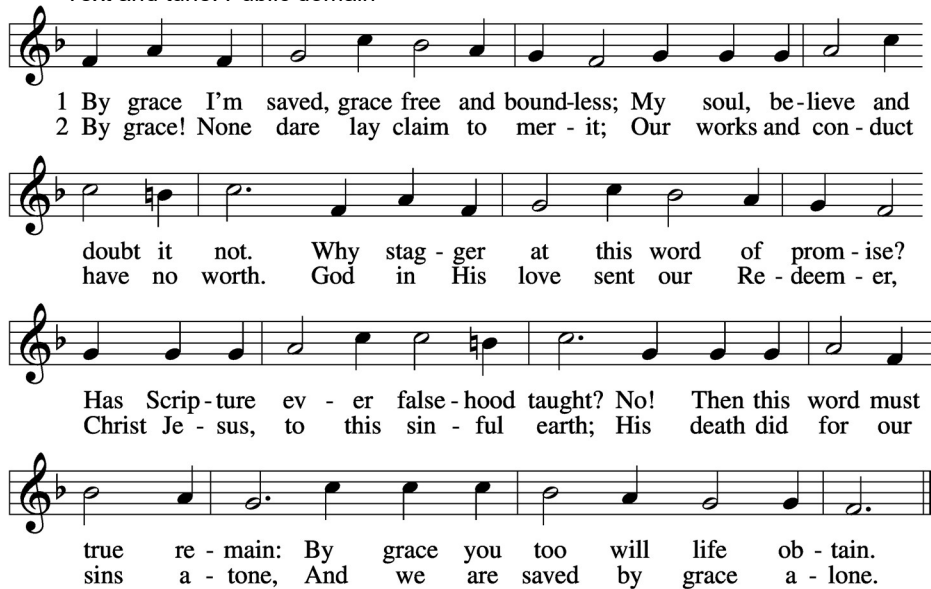
[Please be seated]

### SERMON HYMN

#### “BY GRACE I’M SAVED”

LSB #566 vs 1-2

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1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct

doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,

Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our

true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.

### SERMON

#### *“Guided to Perseverance”*

*Pastor Bryan O'Connor*

[Please stand]

### APOSTLES' CREED

☐ 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.

[Please be seated]

## OFFERTORY HYMN

**"BY GRACE I'M SAVED"**

**LSB #566 vs 3 & 6**

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3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise  
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,  
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all  
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

## PRAYERS

**P** Lord Jesus, you set your face toward Jerusalem, where you would take up your cross for the sake of our salvation. In faithful obedience to your heavenly Father, you suffered and died to save us. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

**C** **Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.**

**P** Lord Jesus, when we face difficult days in life, when we are filled with doubt or fear, strengthen us to persevere in faith and to hold fast to the hope and peace that you have brought us. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

**C** **Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.**



**P** Lord Jesus, be present with those who face illness, pain and grief, especially *[mention known names of those who are sick, injured or grieving]* and those we name in our hearts. Comfort them through the promises of your Word, and keep them strong in faith. Guide us as we serve them in love. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

**C** **Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.**

**P** Lord Jesus, keep us steadfast in the study of your Word so that we will grow in faith, ready to defend the hope that is ours and to be your witnesses each day. Give us opportunities to speak to others about your redeeming death and triumphant resurrection, so that in the power of the Spirit, they, too, may come to follow you in faith. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

**C** **Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.**

**P** Lord Jesus, faithful to your purpose and to your Father's will, you suffered and died to save us. Keep us steadfast in faith, walking in your footsteps, until we live in your presence forever. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

**C** **Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.**

**P** 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**

**[Please stand]**

#### **THE BLESSING**

**P** Into your hand I commit my spirit;

**C** **You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### “ABIDE WITH ME”

**LSB # 878 vs 1, 3 & 6**

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

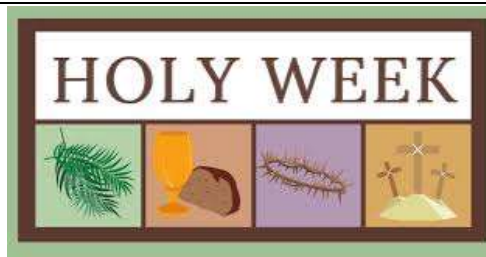


Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**PALM SUNDAY - March 24, 2024**

**@ 8:00am & 10:30am**

***"Guided to Humility"***

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 28, 2024**

**@ 11:00am & 6:00pm**

**A UNIQUE WORSHIP AND COMMUNION EXPERIENCE  
SEDER MEAL AND DINNER THEATER  
(Attendance Registration)**

***"THE ROOM UPSTAIRS"***

**GOOD FRIDAY - March 29, 2024 @4pm**

***"Guided to Sacrifice"***

**EASTER SUNDAY - March 31, 2024**

***"Guided to New Life"***

***EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE - 8:00AM***

***EASTER FESTIVAL CELEBRATION SERVICE - 10:30AM***

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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in all worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastor would like to be of service to you in any way he can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Blair directly if you wish to find out more about the church

