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*The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28 and March 1, 2026*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Playground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: Approach the altar rail through the door to the front left, take a small glass from the tray and move to the furthest place open, kneeling if you are able, or standing. Receive the host either in your open palm or in your mouth; receive the wine poured into the small glass, saying "Amen" after receiving each. If you are unable to consume either the bread or wine, be assured that Christ is fully present for us in either element; reverence the body or blood of Christ by saying "Amen" when the host or the cup is presented. Leave by the right, placing your empty glass in the tray provided, and return to your pew.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Holy Trinity has safety measures in place for the sake of all who worship here. Fire extinguishers are located throughout the facility in case of need. The AED machine and a fire extinguisher can be found in the narthex next to the Kids' Playground cabinet. Other fire extinguishers on the first floor can be found behind the door leading from the sanctuary to the pastor's sacristy, and in the office hallway at the back door and at the front of the hallway near the water cooler. An AED is also located downstairs in Brath Hall should it be needed.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in bold type.

Significance of the Day: During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Gathering

Prelude *Andante tranquillo* from Organ Sonata III Felix Mendelssohn

Greeting and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,

pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

Hymn

God Loved the World

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with line numbers 1 through 5 on the left. The lyrics are: 1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly; 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made; 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your; 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all; 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly.

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Apostolic 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.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from Genesis:

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

The psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday and sung responsively on Sunday.

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
my help comes from the LORD.

- 1 I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- 2 **My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- 3 The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- 4 **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- 5 the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

**6 the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

7 The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

**8 The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Romans:

1 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

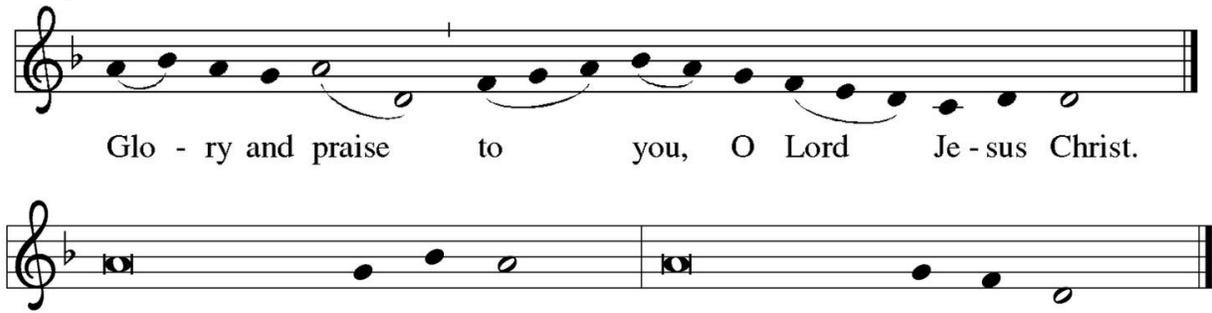
16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



**The Son of Man must be ^lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have e- ^lternal life.**

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses

lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Brenda Martin

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

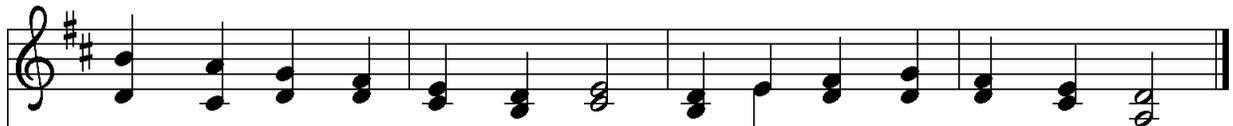
through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.



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Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *The assembly kneels or sits*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. We pray for our bishops, Yehiel and Kristen; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, council members and volunteers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. We pray for our president, Donald; our governor, Josh; and other elected school and municipal leaders. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly, and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. We pray for our partners in ministry: Grove Chapel in Indiana and St. Peters in Kane; and pastors Kimberly Hirsch, Deborah Jacobson and John Wood. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, especially Pastor Roth, Shirley, Marilyn and Mary Jo, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,
"Peace be with you. And also with you."*

Meal

Choir anthem at the Offertory:

Lift thine eyes from Elijah
F. Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

-- Psalm 121:1-3

Please stand as you are able.

Offering verse

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

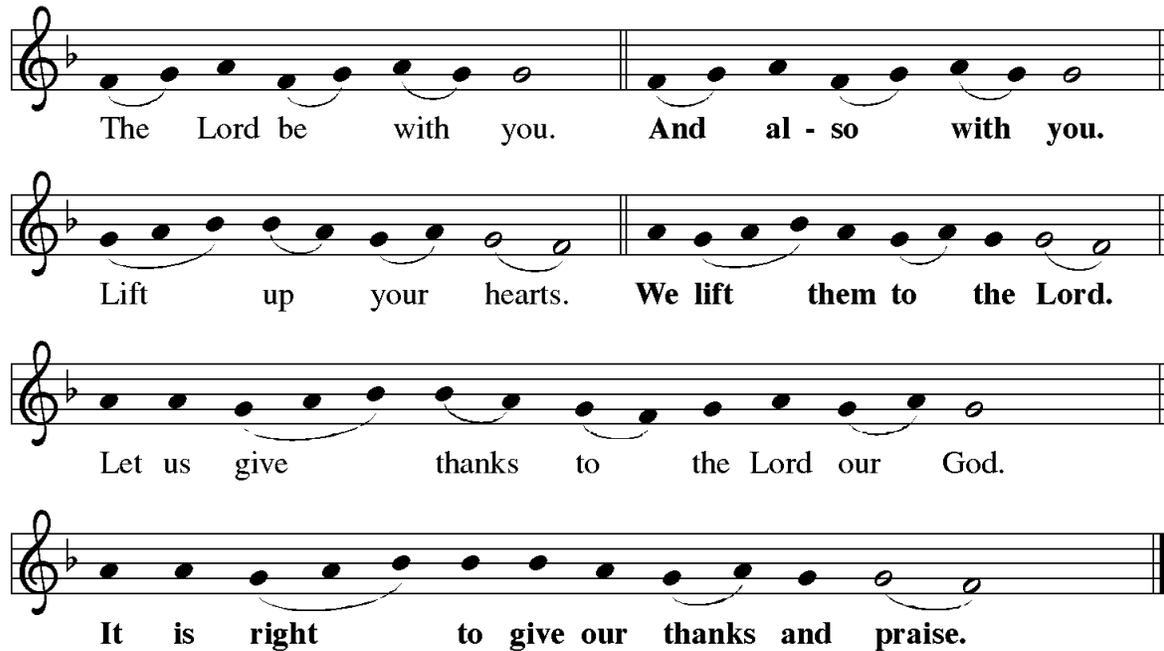
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many ties and slurs. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of Bread

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

The assembly sits.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

The Communion of the Faithful

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Hymn

This Is Christ's Body

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody starts on a G4 note, moving to A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The accompaniment starts on a G3 note, moving to A3, B-flat3, and C4. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a long note on C5 with a slur over it, followed by B-flat4, A4, and G4. The bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The third system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The treble staff ends with a long note on G4 with a slur over it. The bass staff concludes with the accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ
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Hymn

Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991
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Hymn

Hope of the World



1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
 5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:
 who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:



Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
 work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.
 you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: DONNE SECOURS, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Farewell and Godspeed

Jackson, as you leave our community of faith for a time, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from Exodus: The Lord said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." (*Exodus 23:20*).

And a reading from Isaiah: Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (*Isaiah 43:1-3*)

Jackson, you have been baptized and confirmed in this community of faith, and we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of Jackson, who has enriched this community and shared his gifts with us. Now bless and preserve him at this time of transition as he enters military service. Day by day, guide him and give him what is needed, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling him. By your Holy Spirit be present in his pilgrimage, that he may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

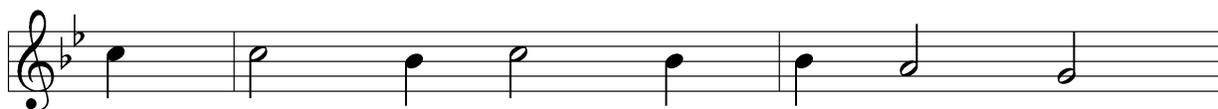
Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen. Sung

Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep



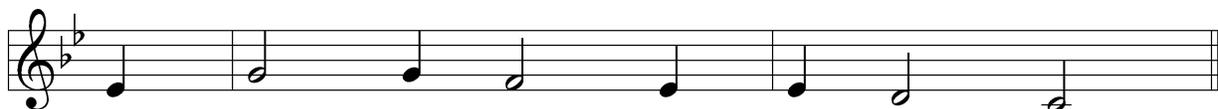
1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;



be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 of high - er or of low - er place,
 his ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 for us his dai - ly works he wrought,



that God, the Son of God, should take
 but wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 for us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew;
 by words and signs and ac - tions thus



our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 and to this world him - self he came.
 for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad;
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1820–1885, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Maestoso from Organ Sonata III

F. Mendelssohn

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister.....Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist..... Andy Joos
Liturgical Deacon Jamin Wentling

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Director of Music..... Steve Repasky
Liturgical Deacon Sheryl Lanning
Lector Bonnie Massing
Head Usher..... Bob Olson
Live Stream Technician Jackson Weaver
Altar Guild Nikki Weaver and Judy Teets

Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Julia Fraser, retired, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday March 1, 2026 Second *Sunday in Lent*

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Sunday school and Confirmation classes
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday March 2, 2026

6:00 p.m. Property Meeting

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Wednesday March 4, 2026

5:15 p.m. Vespers Dinner

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

6:15 p.m. Evening Vespers

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday March 5, 2026

4:00 p.m. CCSS

6:30 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour/Lenten Study (zoom)

Friday March 6, 2026

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 7, 2026 *Turn Clocks Ahead!*

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
With prayers for healing

Upcoming Events

Sunday March 8, 2026 *Third Sunday in Lent*

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Sunday school and Confirmation classes

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday March 9, 2026

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Tuesday March 10, 2026

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

6:30 p.m. Worship and Music

Wednesday March 11, 2026

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

6:15 p.m. Evening Vespers

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday March 12, 2026

5:30 p.m. Officers planning meeting

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

6:30 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

8:00 p.m. Happy Hour/Lenten Study (zoom)

Friday March 13, 2026

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 14, 2026

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Request for March

The Good Shepherd request is **boxed mac and cheese or breakfast items** for the month of **March**. Donations can be placed in the box in the cloister or on the table in the office hallway.

Second Mile Giving

The second mile giving for the month of March is the Flying Quilts supplies. Envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and in the office hallway.

Morning Prayer

You can join us for morning prayer every day by going to our website. A different morning prayer will be posted every weekday. <https://holytrinitygreenvillepa.com>

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Jen (granddaughter of Ed and Cathy Nanz)	John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)
Ariana (friend of Ed and Cathy Nanz)	Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall)
Maria (friend of Linda Armstrong)	Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall)
Diana and Donnie (friends of Rich and Denise Hall)	Lori McCann (daughter of Darla Swift)
Kate Washill Martin (friend of Pastor Brenda)	Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)
Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)	Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)
Tris Hall (brother of Rich Hall)	Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)
Philip Schell	Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)
Christina Bush (niece of Ruth Heil)	Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)
Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Rita (friend of the Oman's and Mary Reames)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)
Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Dave Hollenbaugh	

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Pastor Martin Roth
Marilyn Johnson
Shirley Hildebrand
Mary Jo Skruck

Music Notes

For the Second Sunday in Lent, we hear three pieces by Felix Mendelssohn. Working mainly in London, Mendelssohn was a celebrated German composer, pianist, organist, and conductor during the early Victorian era. He famously revived the works of J. S. Bach and founded the Leipzig Conservatory of Music & Theater. Given his short life of 38 years, his musical output and accomplishments are tremendous.

Both the organ prelude and postlude are from Mendelssohn's *Third Organ Sonata*. This sonata is part of his *Six Organ Sonatas* published in 1845 as his Opus 65.

During the Offertory, with text from Psalm 121, the choir sings Felix Mendelssohn's trio, *Lift thine eyes*, from his mid-19th century oratorio based on the life of the prophet Elijah. Starting in Europe in the early 17th century, operas were forbidden to be performed during Lent. This period left performers, musicians, and composers without income. To remedy this, oratorios were created. An oratory is a large-scale religious based work written for orchestra, vocal soloists, and choir staged without costumes, scenery, or action.



Mendelssohn's drawing of The St. Thomas Church in Leipzig.
This is the church where Bach created his best compositions from 1723 until his death.

Easter Flower / ELCA Disaster Response Form

Help decorate the chancel for Easter by ordering potted flowers for our celebration of the Festival of the Resurrection. You may also make a donation to the ELCA Disaster Response.

Your donation may be made in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of a person (s) or an event. (Amounts given are not listed in the bulletin.)

The deadline for ordering flowers and making a donation to Disaster Response is **Wednesday, March 18, 2026.**

Please enclose payment for both Easter flowers and Disaster Response donations when you return this completed form to the church office.

_____ Daffodil (\$10.00) _____ Lily (\$11.00) _____ Tulip (\$13.00 each)

_____ Donation to ELCA Disaster Response

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Envelope # _____

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

To the Glory of God and in Memory (deceased) of: _____

To the Glory of God and in Honor (living) of: _____

To the Glory of God and in Celebration (event) of: _____

_____ I/we wish to pick up my/our Easter plant (s) after the 9:30 a.m. Service on Easter Day.

_____ I/we wish to have my/our Easter plant (s) delivered to a shut-in.

(Your name)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CAPT Ryan Leary, Commodore Destroyer Squadron 23, Naval Base San Diego, San Diego, CA (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)

Holy Trinity member, SGT Garrett Daniello, PA Army National Guard (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie Long)

Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station

Lt., Junior Aviator, Nathaniel J. Hammond, San Diego, California (son of Brian and Rebecca Bittel Hammond, grandson of Nancy and James Bittel)

Cadet, Riley Armstrong, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Duquesne University, ROTC (granddaughter of Linda Armstrong)

