

***Prayer after Communion:** L: Let us pray: C: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.

***Benediction:** L: God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ELW 611

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

***Dismissal:** L: Go in peace. Learn, live and share God's story! C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *God, Whose Almighty Word* (Tune: ITALIAN HYMN), setting by Richard Proulx

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 10:45 am Traditional Worship

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook and YouTube, with full sanctuary video coverage of all leaders and worshippers.

Please fill in the Blue Form inside this bulletin so we may record your attendance, know your desire to be involved in our activities and receive your prayer requests. Please provide your contact information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Sun, 3/19:** Worship: 8:15, 9:15 and 10:45am; J.O.Y.: 10am; Welcome to Trinity Lunch: Noon; Contemplative Chair Yoga: 4pm; Beach Worship: 7pm
- Mon, 3/20:** Office hours: 10am-Noon; Quilters: 1pm; AA: 8pm
- Tue, 3/21:** Office hours: 9am-Noon; TOL Chapel: 10am; Sunday Praise Band: 4pm; Trinity Singers: 5:15pm; Trinity Ringers: 6:30pm
- Wed, 3/22:** Worship: Noon; Soup/Salad/Discussion: 12:30pm; Soup/Salad/Discussion: 6pm
- Thu, 3/23:** Office hours: 9am-Noon
- Fri, 3/24:** Office hours: 9am-Noon
- Sat, 3/25:** Contemplative Yoga: 10:30am; Praise Band: 4pm; J.O.Y.: 4:30pm; Worship: 5:30pm
- Sun, 3/26:** Worship: 8:15, 9:15 and 10:45am; J.O.Y.: 10am; Welcome to Trinity Lunch: Noon; Contemplative Chair Yoga: 4pm
- Mon, 3/27:** Office hours: 10am-Noon; Quilters: 1pm; AA: 8pm
- Tue, 3/28:** Office hours: 9am-Noon; Exercise: 9:30am; TOL Chapel: 10am; Trinity Ringers: 6:30pm
- Wed, 3/29:** Worship: Noon; Soup/Salad/Discussion: 12:30pm; Soup/Salad/Discussion: 6pm; Worship: 7pm; AA: 8:30pm

NOTES:

Communion: All are invited to take part. If you need communion brought to you, please indicate to us after we conclude the meal.

Songbook and Hymnal Abbreviations: BB = Blue Trinity Binder, WP = Worship & Praise, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal), ACS = All Creation Sings

Communion Servers: Please come forward and sanitize your hands and receive communion at the altar steps. Then, you will be handed the elements to distribute. Please return the elements to the altar after everyone has communed. Thank you for serving!

Prelude *The God of Abraham Praise* (Tune: YIGDAL), setting by Richard Proulx

Welcome/Announcements

**Please stand as you are able.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**
L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen. L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

L: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn:** *God, Whose Almighty Word* ELW 673

- 1 God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
- 4 Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

***Apostolic Greeting**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you!**

***Words of Institution**

***The 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.

***Lamb of God** (from *Unfailing Light*, by Susan Briehl and Marty Haugen)

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in 3/4 time and consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The second staff continues the melody and includes the word 'All' above the first measure. The third staff includes the first ending bracket labeled '1., 2.' and the fourth staff includes the second ending bracket labeled '3.'. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

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

***Communion Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* ELW 779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right and good everywhere and always to give you thanks and praise, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through your Son, Jesus Christ who calls us to return to you and live, for you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of love, and faithful to your promises. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord,

God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the One who comes, who
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Kyrie** (from *Unfailing Light*, by Susan Briehl and Marty Haugen)

Assisting Minister

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

Assisting Minister

le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son. (Petition)..... let us pray:

Assisting Minister *All*

Help, save, com-fort and de - fend us, O God. A - - - - men.

***Prayer of the Day:**

L: Let us pray. **C:** Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 34:1-9

***Lenten Verse** (from *Unfailing Light*, by Susan Briehl and Marty Haugen)

Gospel: John 9:1-41

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**
The gospel is told L: This is the Gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: *Healer of Our Ev’ry Ill* ELW 612

Refrain Healer of our ev’ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. **Refrain**
- 3 Give us strength to love each other, ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **Refrain**

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Sermon

Pastor Bobbie Blackburn

***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 Intercession** *Each portion of the prayers concludes with words:*
Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

***The Exchange of Peace**
L: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

Offering *Lonesome Valley/We Shall Walk*, arr. Mabry/Schwarz Trinity Singers

***Offering Prayer:** L: Let us pray. **C: God, you bless us in order that we would be a blessing to others. Use these gifts that we bring that they might be living signs of your grace to all who are in need. Bless your church that we would be a source of hope and a blessing to your world, as you promised Sarah and Abraham. Give us servant hearts that beat to the rhythm of your grace in Jesus’ name. Amen!**

Communion Directions:
To receive communion, use the center aisle to be given the bread in your hands. After eating the bread, pick up an empty glass and an assistant will fill it with either wine or grape juice. Wine is in the silver chalices and grape juice is in the tan ceramic chalices.

***The Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy**
(from *Unfailing Light*, by Susan Briehl and Marty Haugen)

Presider

The Lord be with you.

All

And al - so with you.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them to the Lord.