## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Quinquagesima

→ THE SUNDAY ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM →

March 2, 2025

#### FAITH ALONE

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him "Son of David." Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

## Communing at this Altar

The Lord's Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord's day!

\*Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ♦ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- ♥ discern the Lord's Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
- believe the words of Jesus, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28); If this is **not** your confession, or you're seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, **cross your arms over your chest**, indicating that you'd like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.

Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.



## + THE DIVINE SERVICE +

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

## **HYMN OF INVOCATION** ~ *Hail To The Lord's Anointed*

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 $\triangle$  *Please stand and face the cross as it enters.* 

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3

INTROIT \*

Ch. Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*

a strong fortress to | save me!

**G** For You are my rock and my | fortress;\*

and for Your name's sake You lead me and | guide me.

Ch. In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\* in Your righteousness de- | liver me!

Into Your hand I commit my | spirit;\*

You have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.

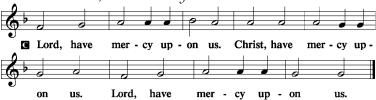
- Ch. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;\*
  my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.
- Make Your face shine on Your | servant;\* save me in your | steadfast love!
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
  as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

\*You may bow your head at this point in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity

- Ch. Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\* a strong fortress to | save me!
- For You are my rock and my | fortress;\*
  and for Your name's sake You lead me and | guide me.

**KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* 

Mark 10:47



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they came,

he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." 7But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." 8Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." 12And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." 13Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL \*

You have made known your might among the | peoples.

You with Your arm redeemed Your | people,\* the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

Ch. You are the God who works | wonders;\*

#### **FPISTLE READING**

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Ps. 77:14-15

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁴it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ¬Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. \*Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁴For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹0¹but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

TRACT

Psalm 100:1-3

Ch. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth!\*

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with | singing!

C Know that the Lord, | He is God!\*

It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His | pasture.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:31-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



<sup>31</sup> Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. <sup>35</sup>As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." <sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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



#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

\*You may genuflect
and was made man;
in reverence of the incarnation

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

# **HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **SERMON**

849

Psalm 51:10-12

Stand



Sit

#### **OFFERING**

The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God. The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church.

Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.

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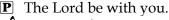
#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





2 Timothy 4:22



**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1



**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

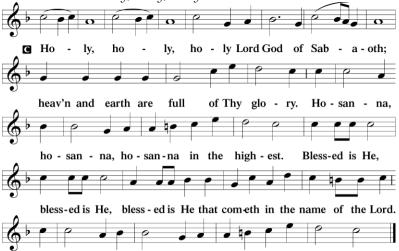
Psalm 136



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



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

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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,

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had  $[\mathbf{P}]$ given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

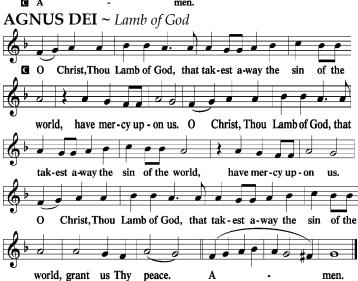
#### **PAX DOMINI~** *The Peace of the Lord*

Iohn 20:19

The peace of the \(\frac{1}{2}\) Lord be with you always.



Iohn 1:29



Sit

#### DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

## Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be

healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** ~

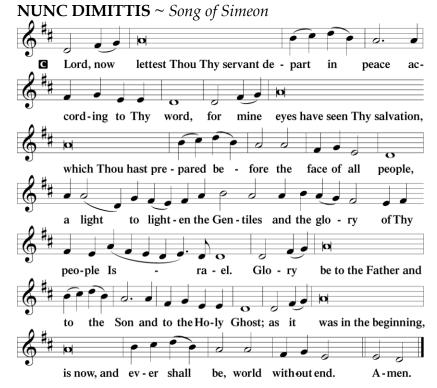
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O Son Of God, In Galilee	841
Dear Christians, One And All, Rejoice	556
Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee	573
Christ Be My Leader By Night As By Day	861

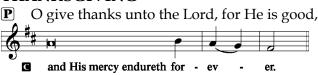
Luke 2:29-32

#### Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen. Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.



#### THANKSGIVING



**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

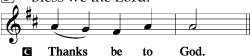


### SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Bless we the Lord.



#### BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



 $\triangle$ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.

## **CLOSING HYMN** ~ Word Of God, Come Down On Earth

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\* During the days of Pre-Lent, as well as Lent, the "Alleluias" and the "Gloria in Excelsis" are now omitted. We look forward to the Paschal celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead for us and our salvation, where that Easter day is adorned with the alleluias from which we now fast.

\* Join us this Wednesday as we begin the Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes. Divine Service with ashes at 11am and at 7pm.