

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00am

March 17, 2024

Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

Musician: Judy Follmuth

Lector: Mapuana Evjen

Ushers: Janice Bauman
Jerry Davis
Bruce Fish
Colleen Fish
Eileen O’Connor

Communion Assistant:
John Schmeling

Acolyte: Lexie Hinsch
Logan Swygman



CONGRATULATIONS to Revere Lee Wentworth, child of Cody & Miranda Wentworth, who will be baptized during the worship service this morning. Sponsors for Revere are Chris Roberts, MaKenzie Johnson, Carley Wentworth, and Jesse Olson. Maternal grandparents are Kevin & Lisa Roberts. Paternal grandparents are Tom & Ronda Wentworth.

Recent Attendance

February 20	69
February 25	85
March 3	85
March 10	131

Trinity Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace in Christ through Word and Sacrament; To nurture faith through Christian education and fellowship; and To bring the Gospel to the world community through Christian witness, sacrifice, and love.

GATHERING

*Stand if able

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**
**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.**

Amen.

*** FORGIVENESS**

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

* <u>GATHERING HYMN</u>	“Be Thou My Vision”	#793
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*** APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

P: 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.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM HYMN	“”Borning Cry”	#732
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Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Revere Lee Wentworth

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)

L ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

C ²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

L ³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

C ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

L ⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

C ⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

- L ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- C ⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- L ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.
- C ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- C ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

P: The Gospel according to St. John

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Pastor Kristen Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Be Glorified”

#744

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

MEAL

OFFERING/CHILDREN’S NOISY OFFERING

***Offertory:** “*Let The Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord*”

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD,
AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING.
GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN,
THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE.
GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL;
UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER.
GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE,
AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** LORD’S PRAYER**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are invited to receive the Sacrament today...the Bread of Life from heaven! If you prefer juice (instead of wine) or a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), please let the server know. Let the usher know if you’d like Communion brought to your pew.)

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

“As the Grains of Wheat”

#465

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION**

SENDING

*** SENDING HYMN**

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

#335

*** OUR MISSION:**

P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP: Join us Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for our last Lenten midweek worship service. Our theme during the midweek services is “The Gift and Promise of the 10 Commandments.” This service will also be livestreamed.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE:

- **PALM SUNDAY** (March 24): Worship at 9:00 a.m. Procession with Palms and Donkey. Music led by Worship Band. Holy Week cantata by Trinity Choir, Hosanna, and Sunday School Children’s Choir. Brunch in fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. served by the youth.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (March 28) Worship at 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion. Nine of Trinity’s 3rd graders will be celebrating their first communion.
- **GOOD FRIDAY** (March 29) Tenebrae Worship at 6:30 p.m.
- **EASTER SUNDAY** (March 31) Festival Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

ADULT FORUM: Join us for a new book and DVD study by Adam Hamilton entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. We will meet in the youth room on Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Did you know that in 2023, Trinity received \$1,372 in Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thanks to all of our Thrivent members who designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Trinity! To designate your Thrivent Choice dollars for this year, (must be done by March 31), go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You can also call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted. Or you can contact your Thrivent financial advisor and make the request.

Everyone Is Invited to Palm Sunday Brunch!
Trinity youth will be serving Palm Sunday Brunch after the Palm Sunday worship service next Sunday, March 24. All are invited to join for egg bake, muffins, grapes, juice, milk, and coffee. To-go brunch available. Free will offering will be taken to support youth trips. There is no Sunday School that day, but there will be activities for children available during brunch.

No Church Children and Youth Activities Holy Week

March 27, there will not be WASS, Wednesday Supper, confirmation, or youth group. No Sunday School Palm Sunday (3/24). though children sign a song during the worship service, or Easter Sunday (3.31).

Upcoming High School Youth Activities

- **March 24**--fundraiser, serve at Palm Sunday brunch (grades 9-12) (expected of this year's Youth Gathering participants, open to all who might go on a future Trinity youth trip)
- **April 13-14**--lock-in at Trinity
- **April 21**--rescheduled escape room in Rochester, 3-6 p.m., about \$30, sign up
- **Wednesday nights** through April 24 (except March 27), youth group, 6:30 (grades 10-12), grade 9 welcome to join at 7:30 after confirmation
- **May 5**--high school senior recognition (grade 12)
- **July 16-20, 2024**--ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Mark Your Calendars, Parents of 5th-8th Graders

These are our upcoming Middle School Youth Group events:

- **April 21, 4:30-6**, church games & Bible-themed pizza making
- **May 18, 11-3**, Taste of Austin
- **Summer**, overnight (one night) camping

Congratulations, Hayfield Girls' Basketball Athletes and Musicians!

Trinity extends congratulations to our high school basketball girls and the musicians who accompany them.

The Hayfield girls' basketball team had a phenomenal season and advanced to the section 1A championship this past week. Trinity members: Players are Betsy Gillette, Emily Hansen, Maggie Hansen, and Molly Hansen; student managers are Katie Roberts and June Schmeling; and assistant coach is Keefe Zelinske.

Hayfield pep band members play at all tournament games; we offer them recognition and appreciation, as well. Trinity members are Lexie Hinsch, Ethan Johnson, Anna Mork, Ben Nelson, Seth Pack, Grace Purrier, Paisley Scanlan, Wesley Scanlan, Everett Schmeling, Jack Thoe, Tanner Woslager, and Amber Ziegler. (Apologies to any student we missed. We don't have a list as we do for the athletes.) Anna is a Sunday School teacher and Grace has been! We note also that a frequent leader of cheers from the student section is Trinity's Seth Pack.

(Parents or students, if you/your child/youth has advanced to a significant competition or received a prestigious award, please let us know! Next week we'll include vocal contest high achievers.)

**MARCH 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT**



Jesus is revealed to the whole world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 12:20-33	The hour has come
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as a high priest
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-12	God is love
Thursday	Numbers 12:1-9	Aaron, Miriam, and Moses
Friday	Acts 7:54-60	The stoning of Stephen
Saturday	Psalm 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*They [some Greeks] came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." **John 12:21 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, may your power and glory be seen in Jesus' death and resurrection that all the world may know of the depth of your care. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food that we may be given strength and courage to follow you all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you see and hear of God's love for you.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord Jesus, You Shall
Be My Song*



taking faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is a famous person you would like to see? Why?
- Where and how do you see Jesus in the world today?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 12:20-33.

Greeks, that is, non-Jews and people who represent the larger world beyond Galilee and Judea, want to see Jesus. This is an example of John 3:16, *“for God so loved the world.”* Now is the time for Jesus as the Son of Man to be revealed to the whole world in glory. What does that reveal look like? The answer is death and resurrection described through a grain of wheat that must die in order to rise and bear fruit (v. 24). We, too, want to see Jesus and would love to hear a heavenly voice that points to Jesus among us. What we do see and hear is a community of faith that follows Jesus into the world. Through the work of Philip, Andrew, and all others who serve and follow Jesus, the message of his death and resurrection reaches the whole world.

Discuss: How do we as followers of Jesus make him known through our lives?

Pray: **Eternal God, help us to see Jesus in the world and be seen and heard as his followers who serve him and give our all for the sake of your love for the world. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others experience the love and mercy of God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Light five candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: **Dear Jesus, help us to see you in your suffering and death that we may glorify you through your cross and empty tomb. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sun 17** **9:00am** Worship/Communion
 10:00am Sunday School
 10:15am Adult Forum
 11:00am First Communion
 Class for 3rd gr.
- Mon 18** **7:00pm** AA meeting
- Tues 19** **8:30am** SAIL Exercise Class
 10:00am Bible Study
 TBD First Communion
 Class Make-up
- Wed 20** **9:00am** WELCA Bible Study
 3:00pm WASS
 5:00pm Wednesday Supper
 6:30pm Youth Group
 6:30pm Confirmation
 6:30pm Lenten Service
- Thurs 21** **8:30am** SAIL Exercise Class
- Sun 24** **9:00am** Worship
 10:00am **NO** Sunday School
 10:00am Brunch served by
 youth

Prayer Concerns

For strength and healing:

Harold Buck, Russell Boullion, Wayne Johnson, Pastor Bagne, Skeeter and Shirley Miner, Joan Christians, Cody Hegna, and Dale Ulve.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU OR A MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED.

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