

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Third Sunday in Lent

9:00am

March 3, 2024

Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.



Musician: Nancy Matti

Lector: Corey Wagner

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

Communion Assistant:
Jim Burmeister

Acolytes: Aubrey Louks
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Recent Attendance

February 14	69
February 18	99
February 20	69
February 25	85

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.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

#324

*** 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**

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalm: Psalm 19 (read responsively)

- L ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- C ² **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- L ³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- C ⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message
to the ends of the
world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- L ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- C ⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- L ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- C ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- L ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- C ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- L ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- C ¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- L ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- C ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and ¹ my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

P: The Gospel according to John

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON:

"Foolish or Wise?"

Pastor Kristen Anderson

<u>HYMN OF THE DAY</u>	"Canticle of the Turning"	#723
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***APOSTLES CREED**

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***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 NOW.
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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

#803

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION**

SENDING

*** SENDING HYMN**

“God of Grace, & God of Glory

#705

*** OUR MISSION:**

P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Today's focus will be on chapter 2 of the book.

WORSHIP AT FIELDCREST NURSING HOME this Tuesday, March 5, at 3:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us!

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.

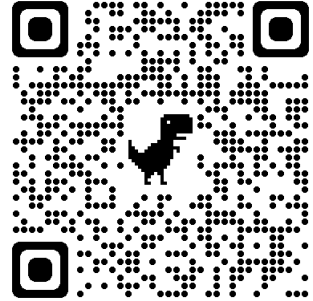
THANK YOU to Trinity's WELCA (Women of the ELCA) for donating \$500 toward the new refrigerator that was recently purchased for the church kitchen.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Pastor Paul Hauschild and family as they mourn the death of his father, Jim. A memorial service was held Thursday, February 29 at 11:00 a.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. A copy of the obituary is posted on the bulletin board at Trinity in the narthex. Cards may be sent to: Rev. Paul & Kristi Hauschild, 1140 John & Mary Drive SE, Chatfield, MN 55923

* **Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead** one hour next Saturday night, March 9, for Daylight Savings.

.Middle School Youth Group Events

The NEXT event for students in grades 5-8 is coming up fast! In a week, March 10, we'll give our time to Field Crest residents. If we can visit (no outbreak status), we'll gather at 2:45 at Trinity to get organized, walk over to Field Crest at 3, spend about an hour, and return to Trinity to briefly discuss our experience and be picked up at 4:15. If Field Crest can't allow our visit, we'll still meet 2:45-4:15 at Trinity to make some gifts for Field Crest residents. Our theme is Birds & Butterflies. Wear something appropriate and we'll do related activities. Use the QR code to sign up. Our final event of the school year will be April 21, church games and pizza making



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High School Youth--Join Us for Escape Room Today, March 3!

Event is at 4 p.m. in Rochester and cost will be about \$30, depending how many participate. We get a discount because we're a youth group. For high school students, grades 9-12. As the event is today, connect directly with Elizabeth.

Save the date for spring's final event: **April 13-14--lockin.**

First Communion for Third Graders

If you're the parent of a third grader and have not received information on First Communion classes in March, please contact Denise, dphilippe@trinityhayfield.com.

Requesting Food Donations for Palm Sunday

For any Trinity member willing to donate food (muffins, grapes, orange juice, milk) for the Palm Sunday brunch, there is a signup sheet on the south bulletin board in the narthex. There is also an online signup, and the two signups are frequently reconciled.

**MARCH 3, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT**



Worship the Lord wherever you are.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple
Monday	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Christ crucified
Wednesday	Proverbs 24:3-4	Seek wisdom
Thursday	Joshua 24:14-18	The tribes renew the covenant
Friday	2 Samuel 7:18-29	David's prayer
Saturday	Psalms 19	God is creator and gives the law
Sunday	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he [Jesus] was speaking of the temple of his body. **John 2:20-21 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Creator God, help us to give you our worship and praise wherever we are for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who came that we may be set free. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with the sun, moon, and stars, we give you thanks for your creative work, including this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 19:1)

A Blessing to Give:

May you worship the risen Lord with gladness.



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MARCH 3, 2024
HYMN OF THE WEEK
All Are Welcome



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:

- Where do you like to worship God?
- Jesus said that his body is the real temple. What does that mean for how and where we worship?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 2:1-22.

Jesus goes from turning water into an abundance of wine at a wedding to arriving in Jerusalem and announcing his uncompromising judgment in the temple. Both images of Jesus are critical to the Gospel of John. Jesus opposes the buying and selling happening in the temple at the expense of honoring “my Father’s house” (v. 16). The “sign” or authority he gives for his forceful actions is that his body is the real temple. Jesus, as the word made flesh (John 1:14), embodies the very presence of God and, therefore, Jesus becomes the centerpiece for our worship. To the Samaritan woman Jesus says, “you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem” (John 4:21). During the COVID pandemic Christians could not gather in person. We began to realize we need not worship only in a sanctuary. The phrase used was “the church has left the building,” noting that we can still worship God outside of sanctuaries. The same message is in John, and it is not new. We can worship wherever we are.

Discuss: Besides a church building, where have you worshiped Jesus?

Pray: **God of heaven and earth, help us to see that your glory is everywhere, and wherever we are is an acceptable place to worship you through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, in addition to a sanctuary, where can you join with others to worship 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 three 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: **Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.** (Psalm 19:14)



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 3
9:00am Worship/Communion
10:00am Sunday School
10:15am Adult Forum
11:00am Youth Board
4:00pm Sr. High Youth Grp
Event—Escape Room

Mon 4 **7:00pm** AA meeting

Tues 5
8:30am SAIL Exercise Class
10:00am Bible Study
3:00pm Field Crest Service

Wed 6
3:00pm WASS
5:00pm Wednesday Supper
6:30pm Youth Group
6:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm Lenten Service

Thurs 7 **8:30am** SAIL Exercise Class

Sun 10
9:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School
10:15am Adult Forum
11:00am First Communion
Class (3rd graders)
2:45pm Middle School Youth
Group

January 2024 Finances

Jan. Offering Income	\$ 21,013.71
Jan. Budgeted Expense	<u>30,441.12</u>
Difference:	(\$ 9,427.41)

2024 Year-to-date Income	\$ 21,013.71
2024 Year-to-date Expense	<u>30,441.12</u>
Difference	(\$ 9,427.41)

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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