

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a communion card if you are taking communion.

Pastor Walsworth will be out-of-town from Monday - March 20 until Monday - March 27.

Today is the day we celebrate Holy Trinity's 110th Anniversary. Please rejoice during worship and plan on staying to view memorabilia, visit booths of community groups, share memories, and enjoy some refreshments in the fellowship hall. Open House from 10:30-2:00. Many thanks to everyone involved in this event and WELCOME to all attending.

**-Quilt Tying is set for Tuesday March 21 at 1:00 pm.
-Newsletter submissions are due in the office by March 22nd.**

A couple of volunteers are still needed to work the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry on Saturday March 25 from 9:00-10:00 and Wednesday March 29 from 7:00-8:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or see Gary Waalkens.

The Council is working on a ride-share program for worship. If you know of someone who may need a ride or if you are willing to provide a ride, please contact Pastor Brent or Council President Gary Waalkens.

If anyone is interested in being placed on the Worship Helper list to serve as an usher or reader, please contact the office.

Since we may not be receiving a shipment of weekly contribution envelopes until early April, it is important that we know your contribution came from you. Make sure your name is somewhere on your offering.

GREETINGS Pastor Brent

WELCOME Kathy Deneen

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave his only Son,
so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

✝ forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

"All Are Welcome"

ELW 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus;
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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Presentation of Gifts

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

HISTORY **Dennis Woelffer / Larry Legro**

WORD

Today we will read responsively from Psalm 23

Led by Darlene Raisbeck

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

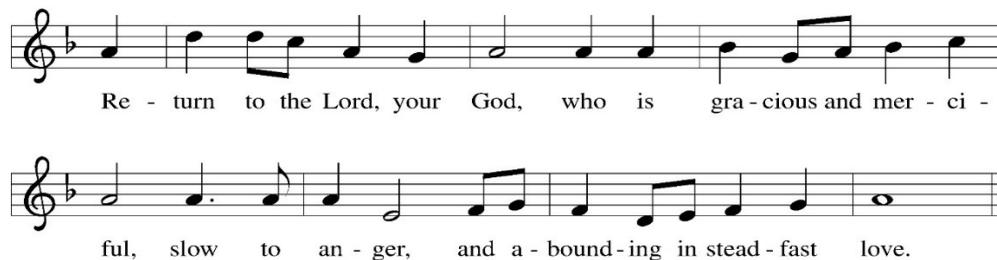
Thanks be to God.

Our reading is from Ephesians 5:8-14

Read by Darlene Raisbeck

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci -
ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Gospel of the Lord, according to John, Chapter 9
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41
(The Gospel is read)

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

You may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Brent Walsworth

"Amazing Grace"

ELW 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

Please stand as you are able.

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 again 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 THE PEOPLE

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud.

*Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all.

*Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend to all who are sick and comfort those who grieve. Today we pray especially for:

Barb Anderson

John Ray

June Chadwick

Leroy Gorkowski

Jeri Goss

Marian Kress

Dorothy Renforth

Marilyn Osterlie

Glen Gollmer

Lilly Poster

*Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors.

*Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us.

*Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

GREETING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(We share God's peace with one another)

You may be seated.

PASSING OF THE COLLECTION PLATE

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.

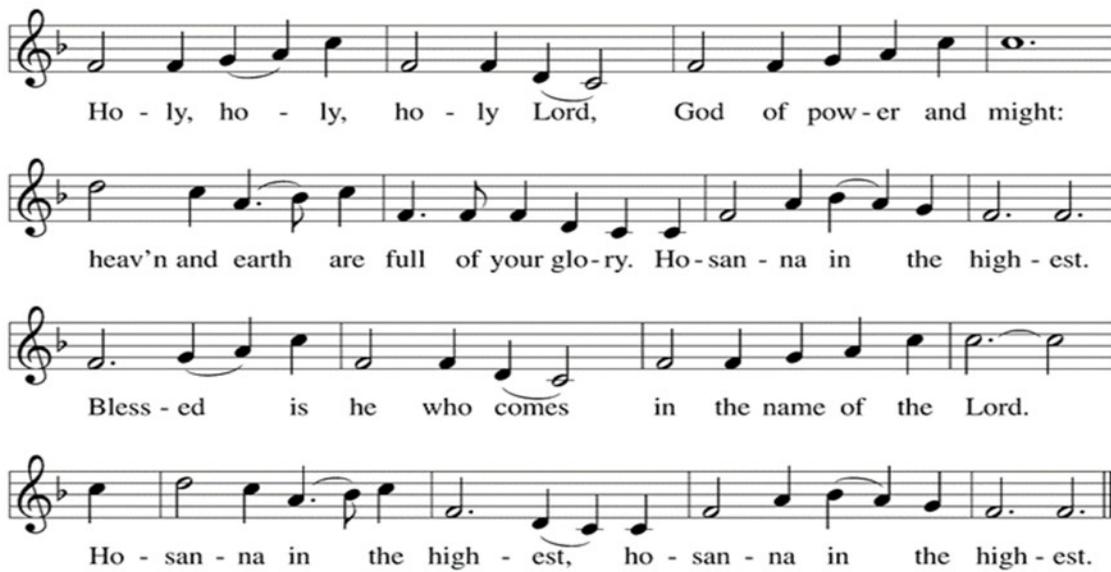
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Dialogue

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 delight, that we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

“On the night in which he was betrayed ...”

Lord remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

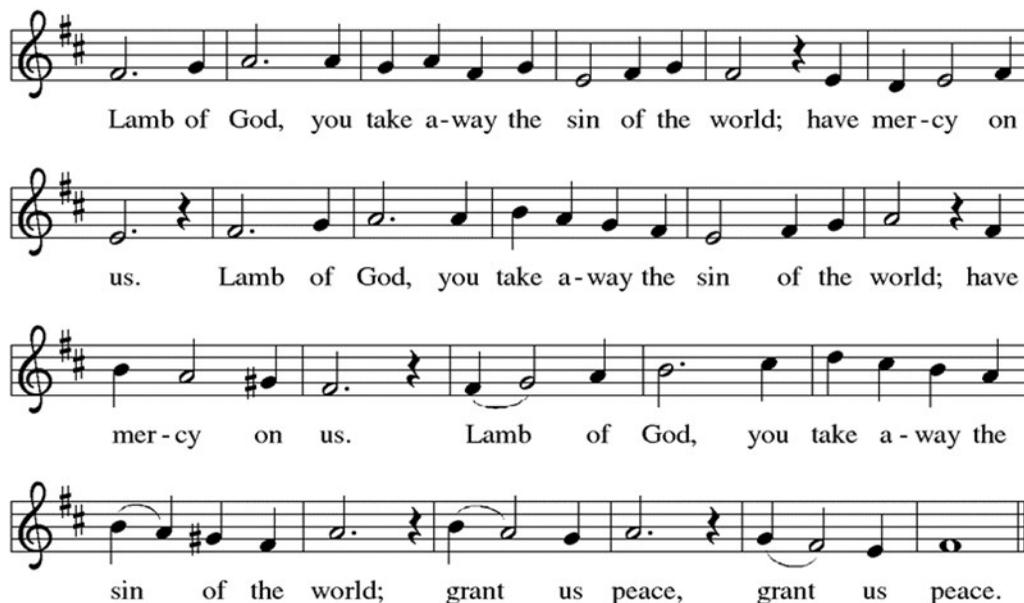
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Communion servers, please come forward during the "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, grant us peace.

**"In Christ Alone" sung by Kathy Deneen during communion
accompanied by Candy Lauby**

Distribution of Holy Communion (gluten-free bread)

Communion is by individual cup. Please come forward to the front step as indicated by the ushers. White grape juice is in the center ring of each tray. All are welcome.

Please indicate to an usher if you prefer to receive the sacrament in your seat.



Prayer after Communion

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.**

HISTORY George Socha

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ELW 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Blessing

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

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FEBRUARY FINANCIALS

<i>Income received in February</i>	<i>\$8,480.50</i>
<i>Obligations paid out in February</i>	<i>6,015.12</i>
<i>Balance for February</i>	<i>2,465.38</i>
<i>Y-T-D Balance on Hand</i>	<i>\$8,620.77</i>

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV).



S R E X T B S D W O R L D W T
 R B P N H D E I A M B I R T H
 I P R C E V R W G V X V S O L
 L O P N I T D B R H V L R D Q
 B K N E H U P O O L T I G E U
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BLIND
 WORLD
 HOME
 SILOAM

EYES
 SINNED
 MUD
 PARENTS

SPIT
 SIGHT
 LIFE
 RECEIVED

POOL
 NIGHT
 OPENED
 BIRTH

WASH
 BORN
 LIGHT
 GROUND