

**“Sundays and Seasons”**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*April 6, 2025*



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME STATEMENT**

**PROCESSIONAL** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” ELW 335

**GREETING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin and whose Mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever. **Amen.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

John Carter, arr.

*“Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM RESPONSE**

*Psalm 126*

*(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
    then were we like those who dream.  
**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**  
**Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
    and we are glad indeed.  
**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,**  
    **like the watercourses of the Negeb.**  
Those who sowed with tears  
    will reap with songs of joy.  
**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,**  
    **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING***Philippians 3:4b-14*

A reading from Philippians.

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**LENTEN ACCLAMATION****“Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us”****ELW Setting 8, page 189**

*(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)*

**GOSPEL READING***John 12:1-8*

The gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW 596

**PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were  
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered  
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into  
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who  
with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe  
in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We  
look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each prayer petition, please respond:* ...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**  
... Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love,  
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW 583

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we  
prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: 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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*ELW Setting 8, page 190*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe ... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on † us and on these † gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Modern Version*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.*

**Verse 1**

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
 I will feast at the table of the Lord  
 I won't hunger anymore at His table

**Chorus**

Come all you weary come and find  
 His yoke is easy His burden is light  
 He is able He will restore  
 At the table of the Lord  
 (At the table of the Lord)

**Verse 2**

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
 There is peace at the table of the Lord  
 I won't worry anymore at His table

**Verse 3**

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
 There is healing at the table of the Lord  
 Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table  
 (Chorus)

**Bridge**

I know He has a place for me  
 Oh what joy will fill my heart  
 With the saints around the mercy seat of God  
 (Chorus)

**Verse 4**

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
 I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
 He says come just as you are to His table

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION****ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL****“Trading My Sorrows****Darrell Evans****Chorus**

I'm trading my sorrows  
 I'm trading my shame  
 I'm laying them down  
 For the joy of the Lord  
 I'm trading my sickness  
 I'm trading my pain  
 I'm laying them down  
 For the joy of the Lord

**Vamp**

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
 Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
 Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

**Verse**

I am pressed but not crushed  
 Persecuted not abandoned  
 Struck down but not destroyed  
 I am blessed beyond the curse  
 For His promise will endure  
 That His joy's gonna be my strength  
 Though the sorrow may last for the  
 night  
 His joy comes with the morning

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**SENDING**

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now, it must be lived.**  
 Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

My Lord, what love is this  
That pays so dearly  
That I, the guilty one  
May go free!

Amazing love, O what sacrifice  
The Son of God given for me  
My debt he pays, and my death he dies  
That I might live, that I might live  
(Last time only) That I might live!

So they watched him die  
Despised, rejected  
But oh, the blood he shed  
Flowed for me!

And now, this love of Christ  
Shall flow like rivers  
Come wash your guilt away  
Live again!

### **\*\*\*Trinity at a Glance\*\*\***

- **Lenten Worship Schedule:** All are welcome to Trinity's Midweek Lenten services at **7pm**.
  - April 9 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Love
  - April 17 (Holy Week: Maundy Thursday) - Holy Communion
  - April 18 (Holy Week: Good Friday) - Service of Word and Prayer
  - April 20 (Easter Sunday)
- **Lenten Soup Suppers are back!** Gather with us in the fellowship hall **before Wednesday worship** services during Lent from **6pm-7pm** to share a simple soup meal. If you would like to bring a soup to share, please see the sign up sheet at Java Junction. The last soup supper will be April 9th. Looking forward to seeing you at each one! Any questions, please contact [suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com](mailto:suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com).
- **Easter Breakfast** will be served again this year, thanks to the Enkes and volunteers. All are welcome in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20, 8am-9:30am. **Please sign up to volunteer service or donations for this event.** Clean-up begins promptly at 9:30am, so be sure to get to church on time for this delicious meal and fun fellowship opportunity. *Sunday Session, Affirmation students, and First Communion class will not be meeting that day.*
- **Easter Lilies** sponsorship sign up sheet is in Java Junction.
- The **First Communion Class** will continue meeting April 6, and April 13 at **9:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Please note that there will be no class on April 20 due to Easter.
- The **First Communion service** will take place on **Sunday, April 27** at 10:00 AM. Students are asked to arrive at 9:30 AM that day in order to run through the service together, as well as take photos with Pastor and loved ones. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you!
- Applications are available near the West Entry for the **Alice Guenther Memorial Scholarship** for any current high school senior involved with music. See the application for more information.
- The **Swenson Scholarship** is now open to active Trinity high school seniors who are going on to further their education. Applications can be picked up from the church office. **The deadline is May 5, 2025.**
- The **Annual Spring Rummage Sale** will be held **Fri May 2nd**, 3-6pm & **Sat May 3rd**, 8am-Noon. Special pricing will be on Saturday Noon-1pm: \$3/bag. Donations for the sale will be accepted during office hours Mon - Thurs 9am-2pm. Please note that we are NOT accepting electronics. There is a sign up sheet in Java Junction for volunteers. Even one hour will help make this a success!
- Join Infinity Premier Innovations at Trinity Lutheran Church for an **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th from 10am-12pm.** *It is free to attend.* There will be egg hunts, activities, food, and prizes! We are needing donations of Easter Candy for this event. The egg hunts will be divided into age groups, and the schedules will be posted on TLC's Facebook page, so be on the lookout for those start times. Save the date for a beautiful morning of outdoor activities!
- Mary Heider is updating the **Church Directory**. Please fill out the forms (in Java Junction) if you are a new member or have had any changes in address/phone numbers etc. You can put the forms in the offering plates, give to Mary or drop them off at the church office.
- Wednesday **April 9th** there will be a **Blood Drive** in the Community Room, 12p-5p.
- Sunday **April 13th**, immediately after Service, there will be a **Special Congregational Meeting**. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on the transfer of funds to complete roof repairs.
- We invite you to join the **TLC Book Club** in the Community Room starting on Tuesday, **May 6th**, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Each Tuesday evening in May, we'll be reading and discussing 'The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate' by Jeannie Gainsburg. This insightful and practical guide provides essential tools for understanding and supporting LGBTQ+ individuals with compassion, respect, and confidence. Whether you're new to allyship or looking to deepen your advocacy, this book offers valuable insights on how to be a strong and effective ally to our LGBTQ+ neighbors, friends, and loved ones. We encourage you to join us for meaningful discussion and reflection on how we can all stand together as the Body of Christ in support of equality and inclusion.
- A **HUGE** thank you to all the people who contributed and/or helped with the 5th Sunday lunch!

- Want to meet the **Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod**? You're invited to an Open House at Our Savior's Lutheran in Seneca on **April 8th**, 4pm - 5pm

- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- February income = \$26,790.19 (Income YTD = \$48,177.83)
- February expense = \$23,776.43 (Expense YTD = \$43,891.47)
- Income Less Expense = \$3,013.76 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$4,286.36)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Left on Loan = \$30,367.09

- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (4/7):** 10a Staff Meeting (Office)  
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (4/8):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)  
4:30p Memorials & Bequests Committee Meeting (Education Building)
- **Wednesday (4/9):** 1p Bible Study (Java Junction)  
Noon Blood Drive (Community Room)  
6p Choir Rehearsal  
6p Lenten Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
7p Holden Evening Prayer
- **Thursday (4/10):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Friday (4/11):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (4/12):** *Passover begins*
- **Sunday (4/13)** 9a Affirmation Class  
9a Sunday Session (Education Building)  
9a First Communion Class 2 (Fellowship Hall)  
10a Holy Communion  
11a Special Congregational Meeting

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -**

*Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.*

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Elle McGrath*  
Ushers:  
Lector: *Shannon Matteson*  
Communion Assistants: *Shannon Matteson & Mike Matteson & Ann Enke*  
Altar Guild: *Becky Glaser & Annette Bruce*  
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*  
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Reagan*  
Ushers:  
Lector: *Jackie Smith*  
Communion Assistants:  
Altar Guild: *Anne Lauterjung & Sue Williamson*  
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*  
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

