

“Sundays and Seasons”

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL *Eternal Lord of Love. Behold Your Church* ELW 321

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

Kyrie Eleison

David Huntsinger

“You who called my name before You spoke the world’s to be”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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.

A reading from Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. When the birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 27

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust shall not be shaken.

**One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze
upon the beauty of the Lord and to see God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifice of rejoicing; I
will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message – “Seek my face.”

Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away – you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Through my father and my mother forsake me,

the Lord will take me in.

Teach me your way, O Lord;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

Subject me not to the will of my foes,

for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

This I believe – that I will see the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord and be strong.

Take heart and wait for the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us

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(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

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.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

A Song of Unity

David M. Jahn

As a mother hen gathers her chicks,
As an eagle lifts up her young,
You have called to Your table all people as one;
God, we thank You for Your presence here.

As we share in the bread and the wine,
Come to us, holy Jesus, in love.
Let the gift of your sacrifice open our eyes;
We are one in Your body and blood.

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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

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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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lord of Light

Dakota Road

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

RECESSIONAL

Whom Shall I Fear

Darrell Evans

Verse

I will seek You Lord
While I am in my youth
I will serve You Lord
And I'll proclaim Your truth
For You searched and found me
While I was far away
And in my troubled times
You always keep me safe

Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh

Chorus

The Lord is my light
And my salvation
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
The Lord is the stronghold
Of my life
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear

Bridge

I know that You are for me
I praise You 'cause You're for me

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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.**

POSTLUDE

Better is One Day

Matt Redman

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*****Trinity at a Glance*****

Our office is currently in transition. We apologize if we missed any important announcements this week. Please reach out to Pastor Phil if you want something published (pastorphil@trinitylutheranottawa.com). Your grace and support are very much appreciated!

- **Lenten Worship Schedule:** All are welcome to Trinity's Midweek Lenten services at **7pm**.
 - March 19 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Mercy
 - March 26 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Compassion
 - April 2 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Forgiveness
 - 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 first soup supper is Ash Wednesday, March 5th and the last is April 9th. Looking forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please contact Suzannah at suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com. Thank you!
- **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. 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.*
- Individuals in second grade or older are invited to **First Communion Class, starting on Sunday, March 30th at 9:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. The class will meet for three sessions: March 30, April 6, and April 13. 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! *Please* email Pastor Phil to sign up for class: pastorphil@trinitylutheranottawa.com.
- Come to **Trivia Night at Reddick Mansion** on Saturday, March 22nd at 7pm. Call or email Reddick (815-433-6100/ contact@reddickmansion.org) if you'd like to reserve a table. See Darlene Halm for more information.
- 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.
- **NOTE:** Pastor Phil will **not be available** the week of *March 24* due to surgery. Thank you!
- 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! 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!
- **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 (3/17):** 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
10a Drum Fit (Lounge)
6p LaSalle County NOW Meeting (Lounge)
- **Tuesday (3/18):** 10a Sit Fit (Lounge)
4:30p Property Committee Meeting
6:30p TRMS Board Meeting
- **Wednesday (3/19):** 1p Bible Study (Lounge)
6:30p Choir Rehearsal
7p Holden Evening Prayer
- **Thursday (3/20):** 10a Sit Fit (Lounge)
7p Council Meeting
- **Friday (3/21):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (3/22):** *World Water Day!*
- **Sunday (3/23)** 9a Sunday Session (Education Building)
9a Affirmation Class (Conference Room)
10a Holy Communion

*****IF YOU (or someone you know) IS INTERESTED IN A PART-TIME, CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER POSITION, PLEASE EMAIL PASTOR PHIL FOR MORE INFORMATION.*****

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<p><u>Sunday, March 23, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Pearl Manning</i> Ushers: Lector: <i>Justin Reed</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Jane Goetz & Brad Gromm</i> Altar Guild: <i>Jan Beckman & Becky Glaser</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 30, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Anna</i> Ushers: Lector: <i>Sue Williamson</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung & Diane Wahl</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i></p>
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