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8:45am

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We are glad you are here at one of our THREE WORSHIP SERVICES this weekend, each centered around the same scriptures but with three different musical styles. THIS BULLETIN contains information for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service

A SEPARATE BULLETIN lists the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service here in the sanctuary. The other service we offer is Praise worship in Jack's Place.

We invite you to turn to **page 10 and following in this bulletin** for HELPFUL INFORMATION for visitors and members alike, such as service participants.

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SUNDAY MORNING 8:45 WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

✝ ✝ ✝ GATHERING ✝ ✝ ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THEME OF THE DAY

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

Springs of Living Water - arr. Harold DeCou
Mark Koehler, organ

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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**Please stand, as able.*

†*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

As you are able, please kneel.

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation

Almighty God, in his mercy,
has given his Son to die for you,
and for his sake, forgives you all your sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please stand

*ENTERANCE HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886

*GREETING

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.

We sing a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Baptized in Water - Gaelic folk tune

Based on ELW 456 by Michael Saward

Luther Bells

Ron Marenchin, director

✠ ✠ ✠ **WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING *Exodus 17:1-7*

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95 *Sung responsively* - **Tone 9**



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¹ Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
⁸ **"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**
¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.'"

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING *Romans 5:1-8*

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Return to the Lord, Your God*

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mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another

reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

The this is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Mollohan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sanctuary

Hymn of the Month

Lyrics:

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary, for you.

***LENTEN CONFESSION ON BAPTISM**

- adapted from Luther’s *Small Catechism*

What is baptism and what does this mean for us?

Baptism is not simply plain water.

**Instead, it is water used according to God’s command
and connected with God’s Word.**

What then is this word of God?

Where our Lord Christ says in Matthew 28,

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

What gifts or benefits does baptism grant?

**It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil,
and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it,
as the words and promise of God declare.**

How can water do such great things?

**Clearly the water does not do it,
but the word of God, which is with and alongside the water,
and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water.**

What then is the significance of such a baptism with water?

**It signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires
is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance,
and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Robert Thygerson

Based on ELW 807 by Robert Robinson & John Wyeth

SonRise Singers

Ron Marenchin, director

*OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186

Please sing this familiar response as the offering is presented.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, in this season we turn back to you in spirit and in truth.

May these gifts we share be a sure sign of our turning.

Bless that which we offer here to be used to help all turn to you for the grace

you give all people, through Jesus Christ our savior and Lord.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SENDING** ✠ ✠ ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG**

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

ELW 803

***DISMISSAL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share God's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE**

As the Deer - arr. Harold DeCou
Mark Koehler, piano

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*We invite you to the Olive Tree Café after the service for goodies and coffee.
The Café is located in the north office hallway on the Walnut Street side of the building.*

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES: 8:45

PRESIDING MINISTER - Pastor Ben Mollohan

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LECTOR - Robert Birkes

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If you would be interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Wendy Shreffler at the Church Office.

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> Rachel and Adam Benway and Zac Zipfel in memory of their grandmothers, Barbara Prinz and Maryann Benway,

> Sue Jurjevic in memory of Jeffery S. Rickett and Linda Lindecamp's birthdays, and in honor of Annie Chereson Schulte, Brian Chereson, and John Happ's March birthdays.

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A variety of events and community-oriented gatherings take place each week at Trinity. See what's coming up, and join us!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

From Ashes TO ALLELUIA

Join us for a meaningful Lenten Season



Worship
Ash Wednesday

Communion Services

*Feb 18th | 11am | Sanctuary
*Feb 18th | 7pm | Sanctuary



Worship
Lenten Vespers

Thursdays During Lent

Feb 26th | 6pm | Sanctuary
Mar 5th | 6pm | Sanctuary
Mar 12th | 6pm | Sanctuary
Mar 19th | 6pm | Sanctuary
Mar 26th | 6pm | Sanctuary



Worship during
Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Mar 28th | 5:30pm | Sanctuary
*Mar 29th | 8:45am | Sanctuary
*Mar 29th | 11am | Jack's Place

Maudy Thursday Communion

Apr 2nd | 11am & 7pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday

Apr 3rd | 12-3pm | Community Service
Apr 3rd | 8pm | Evening Tenebrae

Easter Vigil Communion

Apr 4th | 5:30-7pm | Sanctuary



Worship on
Easter Day

Easter Communion

*Apr 5th | 8:45am | Sanctuary
*Apr 5th | 11am | Jack's Place



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Class

Sunday's During Lent

Feb 22nd | 12-2pm | Trinity Room
Mar 1st | 12-2pm | Trinity Room
Mar 8th | 12-2pm | Trinity Room
Mar 15th | 12-2pm | Trinity Room
Mar 22nd | 12-2pm | Trinity Room

*Event will be livestreamed



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