

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Created to Praise  
March 1, 2026  
First Communion**

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***GATHERING MUSIC***

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

L: God of all good gifts,

**C: your son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and in knowledge of your world. Give us compassion when they face temptations and experience failures. Teach us to encourage their search for truth and value in their lives. Help us to appreciate their ideals and sympathize with their frustrations; that with them we may look for a better world than either we or they have known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** ELW pg. 83

***TRINITY WELCOME***

***INTRODUCTION OF THOSE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION***

*Paxton Kenneth Bungert  
Lincoln Stanley Butzler  
Isaiah Patrick Hanvey  
John Joseph Wilson*

***INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS***

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

***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY***

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier"*  
**-Mother Teresa**

*"The miracle is this: The more we share the more we have."*  
**-Leonard Nimoy**

*"But the great thing to remember is that, though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not."*  
**-C.S. Lewis**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand as you are able)***

Leader: Gather together to worship God!

**People: We gather to reunite with God's purposes.**

Leader: Gather together to walk with Christ!

**People: We gather to make our way to the cross.**

Leader: Gather together as disciples committed to hold life!

**People: We gather to live the faith fully in our lives.**

## PRAISE SONG

### "You Are a Light On My Path"

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first four staves contain the main chorus: "You are a light on my path shining for the world, showing the way leading on. You are a light on my path shining for the world, showing the way leading on. You are a light on my path." The fifth staff begins with a "Fine" marking and contains the lyrics: "Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life, Ev - en in fear, we will not stray, I am re - solved to fol - low You." The sixth staff continues with: "Smile at the praise we bring. Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life, Ev - en in fear, we will not stray, I am re - solved to fol - low You." The seventh staff concludes with: "Smile at the praise we bring. You are our his - tor - y. You are my heart's de - light." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests.

You are a light on my path shin - ing for the world,  
show - ing the way lead - ing on. You are a light  
on my path shin - ing for the world,  
show - ing the way lead - ing on. You are a light on my path.

*Fine*  
Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life,  
Ev - en in fear, we will not stray.  
I am re - solved to fol - low You.

Smile at the praise we bring. Teach us Your Way, Give  
us Your Life, Ev - en in fear, we will not stray,  
I am re - solved to fol - low You.

Smile at the praise we bring.  
You are our his - tor - y.  
You are my heart's de - light.

us Your Life, Smile at the praise we bring.  
will not stray, You are our his - tor - y.  
fol - low You. You are my heart's de - light.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Divine Companion,

**People:** you meet us every day, in the ordinary moments of encounter, in the common hungers of life. Yet, how often we miss you, failing to look deep enough, failing to stay long enough, failing to hear clear enough. We confess to setting up narrow boundaries, maintaining established prejudices, refusing to shift perceptions and thus miss the new thing you are doing.

In this season of Lent, send your living water to wear away our rocklike defenses. Let our thirst for truth take us to the heart of God, to the healing river. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

**CONFESSION RESPONSE**

**“Child of the Water”**

You're a child of the wa - ter, child of the word,  
guid - ed by prom - ise and sto - ries you've heard.  
God of the wound - ed knows you by name and  
car - ries you home ev' - ry - day. 1.,2.  
1.From your first breath gift  
2.Life is a gift  
to the last step, all of the dance; down  
time car - ries on, and you will grow; a -  
deep in your laugh - ter what - ev - er your fears  
midst your be - liev - ing and through - out your doubt,  
try to re - mem - ber. 3.  
some - thing is sure. day. 3.We  
jour - ney to - geth - er as child - ren of God sealed by the\_\_ cross.

*(You may be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Robb Kosky**

## **WORD**

P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **First Reading**

*The first reading is* Genesis 12:1-4a

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*The second reading is* Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

***The Gospel***

**John 3:1-17**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

***The Gospel Response:***

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*(You may be seated)*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Robb Kosky**

**MESSAGE RESPONSE**

**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the  
2. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -  
dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play Your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on\_\_ me.  
mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry.  
*Faster*  
Shine on\_\_ me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land\_\_ with the  
Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze, Spir - it, blaze\_\_ set our hearts on fire  
Flow, ri - ver flow,\_\_ flood the na\_\_ - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.\_\_

**THE PRAYERS** (Please stand as you are able)

P: As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(Each petition ends “Merciful God” Congregation responds “Hear our prayer”)

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God’s loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**MEAL**

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

 **THE OFFERING** (You may be seated)

Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.

**OFFERING PRAYER** (Please stand as you are able)

L: You have taught us that we do not live by bread alone, and yet bread is necessary for life. We ask that you take these offerings and use them, transform them into bread for the hungry-both the bread of the Word, and the bread which fills stomachs. As you did before, bless and multiply that all may be fed. **Amen.**

## ***THE COMMUNION SENTENCES***

P: The Lord is with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## ***THE PREFACE***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

P: Holy Lord,

**C: Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thank; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

## ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**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 COMMUNION***

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## **THE DISTRIBUTION** (You may be seated)

All who wish to receive the body and blood of Jesus with bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome to do so. We commune by intinction.  
Take the bread and dip it in the first chalice for wine or the second chalice for grape juice. We also have gluten free options available.

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”**

Sing chorus 2X at beginning and end, 1x between verses.

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and end of the chorus. The lyrics are as follows:

Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u - ni -  
verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.  
I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
May we build such a place a - mong us where all  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good, where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

## "Here At The Table"

Christ is here, here at the ta - ble. Come gath - er and  
lay life's bur - dens down, here at the ta - ble, at the ta -  
ble where love and peace a - bound. Oh, oh, oh, oh.  
Bring your hun - ger, bring your won - der,  
Bring your sad - ness, bring your mad - ness,  
Bring your yearn - ing, bring your turn - ing,  
bring your thirst - ing heart. Bring your trou - bles,  
bring your si - lent shame. Bring your sigh - ing,  
bring your deep - est needs. Bring your doubt - ing,  
bring your strug - gles, bring all that you are.  
bring your cry - ing, bring all of your pain.  
bring your shout - ing, bring all to be freed.

## "Round the Table"

Come to - geth - er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,  
a heal - ing touch and a deep con - nec - tion from the liv - ing  
cen - ter of it all. Seek - ing mean - ing on the run  
Bring a friend or en - e - my  
Hear cre - a - tion groan for life.  
you try and save the day. But all is read - y  
or one you hold or blame. With each oth - er  
Will hate and hun - ger cease? In the roar of  
will you come? Love in - vites the way.  
we are one, here in Je - sus' name.  
vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

### ***THE COMMUNION BLESSING*** (please stand as you are able)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### ***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

P: Let us pray. Radiant God,

**C: we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ***SENDING***

P: And now, having been fed and having been reminded, and having embraced those with whom we share this life of faith, lead us from this place to live as faithful witnesses in the world.

**C: Amen.**

# THE SENDING SONG

## "Ubuntu"

(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

*Chorus*

U - bun- tul U - bun- tul  
shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where  
jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The  
peo ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our  
hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to  
work for the peace of the land and so we do lifel

### *Verses (echo song leader)*

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union  
... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother  
... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,  
... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us  
... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

*Bridge*

1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;  
2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,  
3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,  
made to be seen and be heard and to be known;  
moved by God's Spir - it, re - vived by hol - y flame;  
Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

## ***THE DISMISSAL***

L: Go in peace. Do Justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stay for a coffee hour and First Communion celebration cake following the worship service.*

### **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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