

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Created to Praise  
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The Third Sunday in Lent

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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

*As part of your personal devotions, you may use this prayer throughout the coming week.*

L: O God of all,

**C: with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** ELW pg.79

**TRINITY WELCOME**

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

**THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

*"Without humility, there can be no humanity."*

**-John Buchan**  
*(Scottish novelist, historian)*

*"Peace requires everyone to be in the circle – wholeness, inclusion."* **-Isabel Allende**  
*(Chilean-American writer)*

*"Life becomes easier and more beautiful when we can see the good in other people."*  
**-Roy T. Bennett**  
*(American author)*

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

L: A word spoken,

**C: A voice heard,**

L: A dream revealed,

**C: A mission received.**

L: God calls

**C: Again and again.**

L: God beckons us

**C: To follow,**

L: To love,

**C: To serve,**

L: To give.

**C: Again and again**

L: God invites us

**C: To embrace the lonely,**

L: To feed the hungry,

**C: To tell the Good News of Jesus,**

L: Light of the world, help us see all these people you love.

**PRAISE SONG**

**“Everyone is a Child of God”**

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign and a key signature change to G major. The lyrics are: "We are wait - ing, we are watch - ing, we are You are good - ness, You are mer - cy, You are hop - ing to see in the dis - tance, in the deep mys - ter - y, in the si - lence You have dark - ness a light that sets us free. To see ev' - ry - one spo - ken a love that sets us free. ev' - ry - one is a child of God. See ev' - ry - one ev' - ry - one is a child, a beau - ti - ful child of God. D.S. al Fine Set us free. Set us free to see ev' - ry - one". The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and dynamic markings like "Fine" and "D.S. al Fine".

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: God of Light and Life,

**C: we are all born blind. We look upon the world with eyes of fear and prejudice, deceiving ourselves into believing that we can see. Help us to recognize our blindness and to ask for your healing touch. Restore our vision, that we may see the world with the compassionate eyes of Christ. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

L: God's grace is God's covenant with us. By God's grace, let your life reflect God's love.

**RESPONSE**

**“Boundless Love”**

Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us.  
Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of  
us. Oh Spir - it of Je - sus you  
We stru - cture in - jus - tice that  
Oh Spir - it of life come and  
sit at our ta - ble and call us to a rad - i - cal  
keeps some from eat - ing, you pre - pare us for a dif - fer - ent  
move through the peo - ple con - front - ing the pow - ers of  
meal \_\_\_\_\_ of bound - less love that climbs o - ver  
feast \_\_\_\_\_ of bound - less love that climbs o - ver  
death \_\_\_\_\_ 'cause bound - less love climbs o - ver  
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.  
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.  
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.

*(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 Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*The second reading is Romans 5:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4:5-42**

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

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

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus 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."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

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

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They 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 truly the Savior of the world.”

***The Gospel Response:***

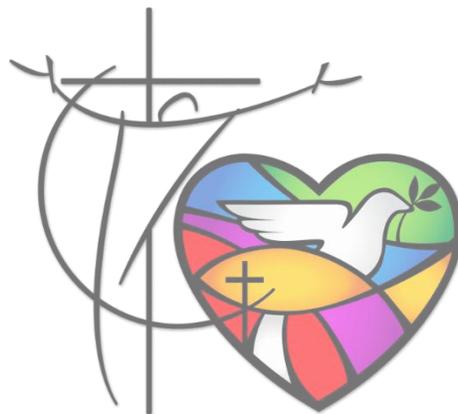
P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

(You may be seated)

**MESSAGE**

***Pastor Robb Kosky***



**MESSAGE RESPONSE**

**“The Water of Change”**

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: I've been washed by the wa - ter. I've been cleansed by the sea. I've been touched by the riv - er of e - ter - ni - ty. Though I don't un - der - stand it, I have nev - er been the same. I can't turn back the wa - ter, the wa - ter of change. The riv - ers they run, the I won - der a - lound where riv - ers they roll a - way. in the world I might be The voice of life had the cross whis - pers ev - 'ry day. not been shown to me. At the heart of it all ev - 'ry - one wants to be free, It's o - pened my heart, made me look out - side and see free to live, free to love, I can no long - er live for e - ter - ni - ty. - for on - ly me.

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

P: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

(Each petition ends: “Hear us O God”. The congregation responds: “Your mercy is great”)

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

## **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)*

P: Let us pray. O God,

**C: maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## ***THE COMMUNION SENTENCES***

Pastor: In the waters of Baptism, you have claimed us – both light and darkness - and called us your own.

**All: We come to be strengthened, reshaped, and made new to shine with your light.**

Pastor: In this family meal we celebrate the gift of God in Christ Jesus.

**All: In sharing of the bread and wine we find forgiveness of sin and God's resurrection presence.**

Pastor: God gives us this gift to share.

**All: We come to eat and drink and to be changed.**

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; 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: Come to the table. Feast on God’s goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

## THE DISTRIBUTION (You may be seated)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer  
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice

Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

## COMMUNION SONGS

### "I Believe in that Love"

1. I be - lieve in a love that is born in the song of a  
2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a  
3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a

ba - by's cry. I be - lieve in a love that lives  
help - ing hand. I be - lieve in a love that sees  
my - ster - y. I be - lieve in a love that for -

on and on e - ven when we die.  
diff' - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.  
gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.

I be - lieve in a love that reach - es out em -  
I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no  
I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the

brac - ing all our pain and doubt. I be -  
class or race to hold it down.  
sake of life for some - one else.

lieve in that love, I be - lieve I be - lieve in that love.

I be - lieve in that love. I be

- lieve I be - lieve in that love.

## "Break These Chains"

Wrapped in con - fu - sion, trapped in life's cage,  
I hear you call - ing, I call - in my name.

tied to the cra - dle and grave.  
Why do I turn from you?

Cap - tive to ques - tions, shack - led by fear,  
I keep on run - ning, run - ning a - way,

touch - ing the edge of faith. On - ly  
far from your grace and truth.

Refrain  
love can break these chains. On - ly love can break these chains. In this

whole world on - ly love can break these chains. chains. 1.,3. 2.

Break these chains. Break these chains. Break these chains. On - ly

To Refrain

## "Take Up Your Cross"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take Up Your Cross". It consists of ten staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line and a final double bar line at the end of the last line. The lyrics are: "In a world of man- y - voice - es call The call is hard to swal- low. Take up your cross - ing and at fol - low. it's hard to hear the one side that's true. The words reach deep in - side of me. E - ven when I hear it, I find my- self so trou - bled, - when my heart dis - cerns it, I lack the will to lose my life, be hum - ble, the sins with - in to re - fuse it to see through. re - fuse it to see. Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing. Take up your cross. Take up your cross and fol - low me and fol - low me." The instruction "Repeat to tag last time only." is written above the final line of music.

- In a world of man- y - voice - es call  
The call is hard to swal- low. Take up your cross

- ing and at fol - low. it's hard to hear the one side that's true.  
The words reach deep in - side of me.

- E - ven when I hear it,  
I find my- self so trou - bled,

- when my heart dis - cerns it, I lack the will  
to lose my life, be hum - ble, the sins with - in

to re - fuse it to see through.  
re - fuse it to see.

Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing.

Take up your cross.

Take up your cross and fol - low

me and fol - low me.

*Repeat to tag last time only.*

### **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: God of our salvation,

C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## SENDING

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

May we walk with a new vision, new insight, and renewed faith which will enable us to see more clearly God's presence at work in our lives together. May we see a brother or a sister in the eyes of everyone we meet. Through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## THE SENDING SONG

### "Lead Us Out"

Lead us up. We want to know You bet - ter. Lead us up.  
Lead us in. We want to love like You do. Lead us in.  
Lead us out. We want to be a bless - ing. Lead us out

- Fill our hearts and make us more like You. Lead us up.  
- Make of us one bod - y in Your love. Lead us in.  
in - to the world You gave Your life to save. Lead us out

- Ev - er grow - ing clo - ser. Oh lead us  
- Lov - ing one an - oth - er. Oh lead us  
to tell them all a - bout You. Oh lead us

up in - to You, Lord. Lead us up. Lead us in. Lead us out  
in Your love, O Lord.  
out in - to Your world.

in - to Your world. Lead us now, and we'll fol - low you to -  
day. Lead us on - ward by Your grace, un - til we see Your face. Lead us

out in - to Your world. world. Lead us out in - to Your  
world. Lead us out in - to Your world.

## ***THE DISMISSAL***

L: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.*

## **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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