Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service • February 25, 2024



The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm
Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Congregation turns to face the recessional cross

GATHERING HYMN

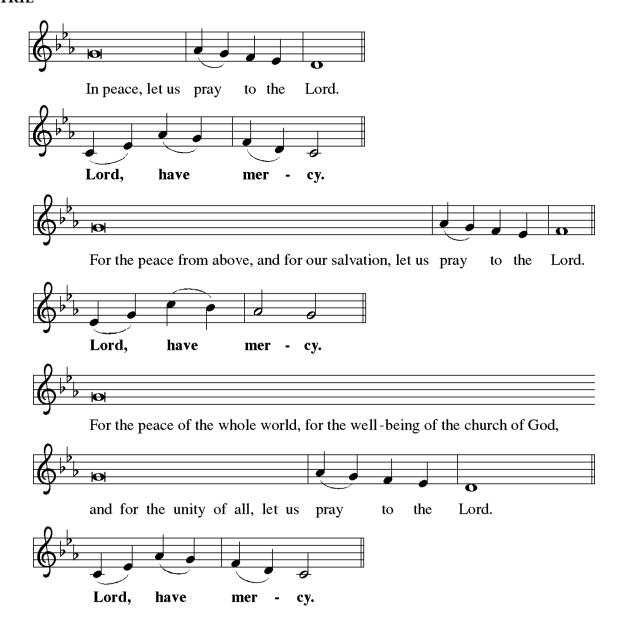
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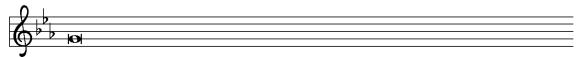
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GREETING

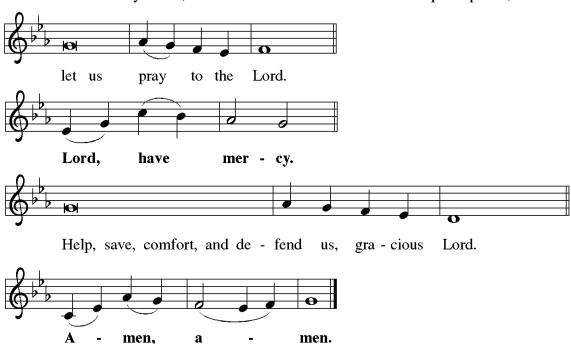
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**.

KYRIE





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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting

covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:23-31 (read responsively; sung response before and when denoted by "R")



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You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off-spring of Israel.

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever! \underline{R}

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!" \underline{R}

SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too

old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what God had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

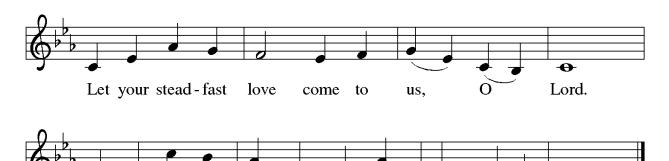
Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Save us

as



will

trust

your

word.

you prom-ised; we

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina Melusky

FAITH REFLECTION

Dave Carlson

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We've Come This Far by Faith

ELW 633

THIS FAR BY FAITH

(refrain only; choir will sing once and congregation repeats twice)

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried

he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Follow Me

Joseph M. Martin

Take up thy cross and follow.

Come, faithful seeker of the Light, my voice is calling in the night. Walk with me; I'll be your guide. Follow me, follow me.

Come, weary pilgrim, take my hand. I'll lift you up and help you stand. All who seek the promised land, follow me, follow me.

All who hunger, all who suffer, all who sorrow, all who would be free, follow me.

The path is steep, the road is long, but with my love I'll keep you strong; then my grace will lead you home. Come follow me, come follow me.

Come follow me, O faithful one, until the final race is won, until the great Amen is sung! Follow me, come follow me.

Come and follow me! Follow me!

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. Follow me.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered

that all people may know your goodness.

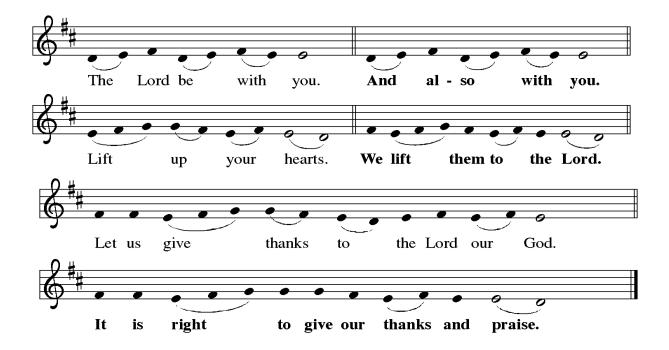
Feed us not only with this holy food

but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name. Amen.

MEAL

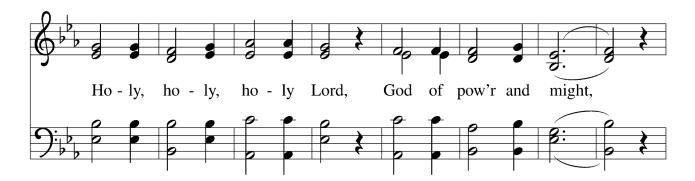
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER 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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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 of its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

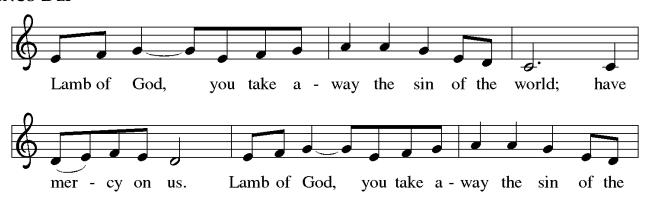
LORD'S PRAYER

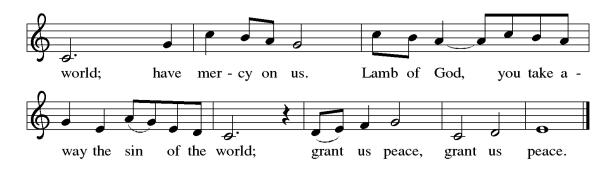
Amen.

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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI





COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Faith of Our Fathers ST. CATHERINE

ELW 813

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN ELW 802

The assembly turns to face the recessing cross.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" Michael Burkhardt

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer Andrew Rummel

Acolytes Carl Carpenter

Luke Harry

Lector Kathleen Pietrasanta

Ushers/Greeters Dave Roselius

Cliff Obara

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Thank you

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RED FOOD BOX:

Thank you so much for your quick and generous response to the Red Box food appeal! Thanks to you, our siblings in the neighborhood will once again have something to munch on as they walk; and, more importantly, they are receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God!

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Please pick up your offering boxes from the library in person if at all possible. If you cannot do so, perhaps a friend or family member will pick them up for you.

Thanks so much for your attention to this, and please remember your Lenten giving.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, Lucille Lebold, and Barbara Olson; Richard Anderson, Hampton Health and Rehab, Room 226. Doris Moeser, The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm. 602. Shut- ins at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jim Shook, Phil Shook's father; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail; Heike Ahlen, and the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) requested by Patricia Fielding; Matt Eggars (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; Jessica Savage, requested by the Dail Family; Harry Hartman and Bill Wren, requested by Anne Obara; Sherrie Strickland (cousin), requested by Wendy Mynoymany; and Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; and for the family and friends of Loyd Rawls.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

The flowers today are presented to the Glory of God.



EASTER LILIES 2024

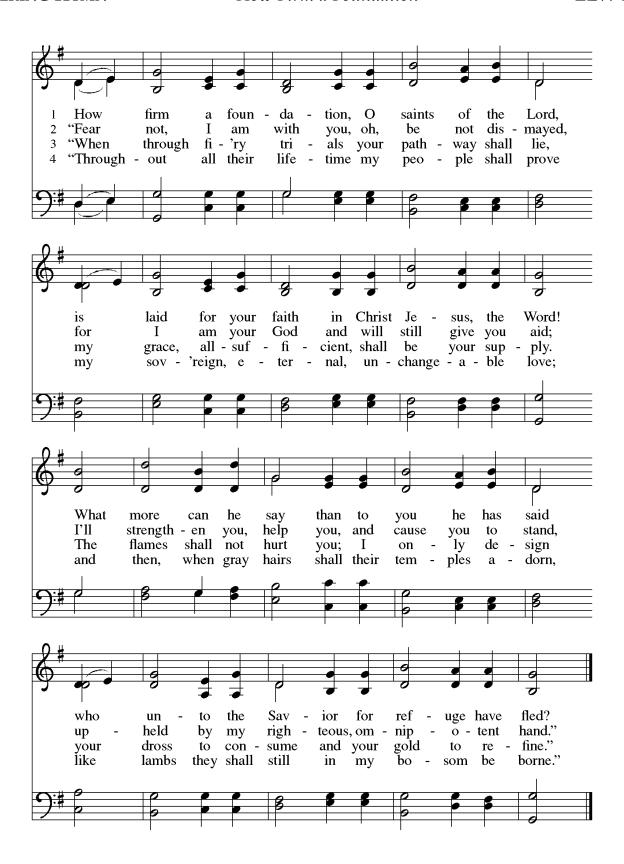
The cost for the lilies this year is **\$14.00** per lily.

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- 1 Just remember the good things God has done, things that seemed impossible; oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.
- 2 Don't be discouraged with trouble in your life; he'll bear your burdens, and move all the discord and strife.

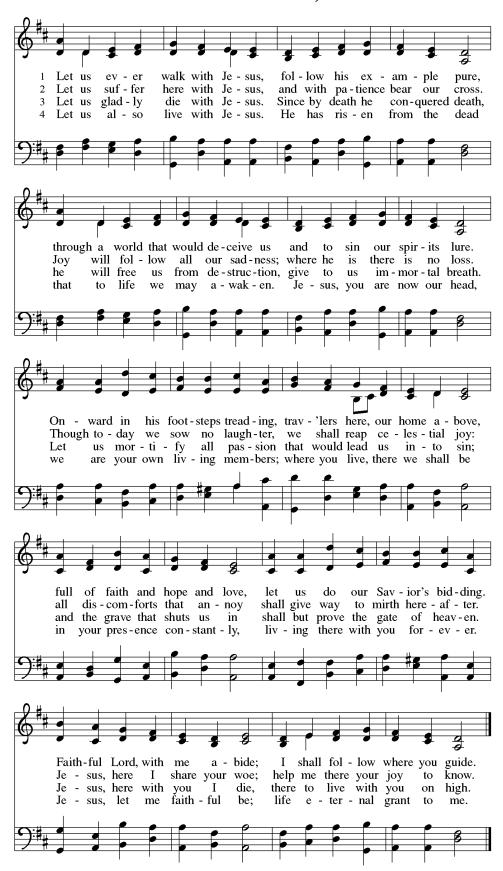
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