



**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 8, 2020**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

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**Service of the Word**

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**LITANY OF FORGIVENESS**

P Lord, have mercy.

**C Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P Christ, have mercy.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy.

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross*

**ELW 660**

**GREETING**

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

**C And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*O God beyond All Praising*

**SEE INSERT**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4A

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

<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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

### Psalm 121

*Spoken responsively during Lent*

<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 forevermore.**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13.17

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

<sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the third chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

<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 apart from the presence of God." <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 a 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**ELW HYMN 588**

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C 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.**

#### **THE PRAYERS**

A Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God of rebirth, empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope for those who fear judgment or condemnation. Assure us of your faithfulness and give us confidence to proclaim your salvation for all. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of rebirth, your Spirit hovered over the waters and you called creation into being. Nurture and bless all signs of rebirth around us: budding trees and new shoots, thawing lakes and warm breezes, and animals awaking from hibernation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of rebirth, lead the nations in your way of righteousness. Protect those who advocate for the needs of children, migrants, and victims of violence. Give courage to lawmakers, lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officers, guiding them to do justice and to love mercy. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of rebirth, give us a new vision of your healing power among us. Restore hope to those who remain in the depths of depression or despair. Bring mercy and relief to those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially Chuck Sodergren and Julie Reeves. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of rebirth, we thank you for the children of this community and for the people and ministries that care for them. Bless new and expectant parents. Console those who have lost children and those whose desire for children remains unfulfilled. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of rebirth, we ask your blessings on Garfield Lutheran in Garfield, St. Martin Lutheran in Kansas City, New Hope Lutheran in Onaga, and Bethany House of Studies in Lindsborg, Kansas. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of rebirth, bless Bob Kobbeman and Sara McGinnis as they celebrate their birthdays this week, Alex Nichols as he remembers his baptism, and Roy & Rosemary O'Neil as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God of rebirth, by wind and spirit you call us into life renewed. We give you thanks for all your saints who have inherited your promises. Bring us, with them, into your everlasting kingdom. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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### OFFERING

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### **Offering – Reflection on *Lamb of God* —**

During this Lenten season, you will hear various arrangements of *Lamb of God*. Since we won't be communing, I hope you will find these reflections a time to contemplate on the sacrament.

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us and grant us peace.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

C Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

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## TO BE A SENDING PEOPLE

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*Each week during the service, we will examine what it means to be a people sent out into the World to Proclaim the Good News. We will particularly focus on ways that we can invite those around us to be members of this Godly Work.*

*Sending Activity and Music*

### SENDING PRAYER

P Brothers and Sisters, both your work and your rest are in God's hands. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

**C We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P May the Lord Bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**ELW 324**

### SENDING

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



## Rebellious Bibles

**From Waldo to Luther:**

**Translating the Bible and How It Changed Our Faith**

During Lent, our Lenten Study will look at the efforts of Reformers during the Middle Ages to translate the Bible into the people's language. As Lutherans, we know the story of Martin Luther's Bible, but Luther was not the first. Luther looked to examples set by Peter Waldo in Italy, Jan Huss in Prague, and William Tyndale in England for inspiration and courage in setting a path for the church where all the people of the world could read the Bible in their native tongue.

The Lenten Study will be on Wednesday evenings starting with Evening Prayer at 5:15 pm in the sanctuary. After Prayer, we will move downstairs for the study. Please bring a snack item (chips, cookies, etc.) to share while we learn. See you there!

**Lenten Midweek Study Dates**

March 11

March 18

March 25

April 1

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# ELCA World Hunger's **40 DAYS** *of Giving*

What is **our** *hope*?  
What is **your** *hope*?

Even in challenging times, we believe in God, and we hope in the work God is doing in the world. Safety and stability for refugees and migrants. The renewal of the earth. Sufficient livelihood for all.

These are just a few of the things of which we dream, fueled by the Holy Spirit.

This Lent, join ELCA World Hunger as we journey with our neighbors in hope for a just world where all are fed. Invest in hope.

## HOW TO GIVE

### ONLINE

[ELCA.org/40Days](http://ELCA.org/40Days)

### BY MAIL

ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and write "40 Days of Giving" on the check's memo line.



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## *Welcome to worship at Trinity!*

*Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst.*

*If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767*

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musician	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
March 8, 2020	Julie Reeves	Diane Bottorff	Mitch Bean	Loni Reece	Laurie Jackson	No communion	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
March 15, 2020	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Walt Laughlin	Laurie Jackson	Junior Utech	Parker Jackson	No communion	Andy & LaVell Winsor	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty
March 22, 2020	Marilyn Heckman	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Janelle Meredith	Curt Lewis	No communion	Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, & Carol Marker	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Andrew Patty
March 29, 2020	Vickie Jacobs	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	LaVell Winsor	No communion	Junior & Liz Utech	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty

### *Remember our shut-ins!*

Lucille Brill	Marlene Hassan	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	Naomi Walker
Don Longren	Ron Owensby	



As a reminder...Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, we ask that you or a friend or family member contact the church office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility, if you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, or if you would like your name or that of a friend or family member included in the prayers. Call 233-0767 or email [office@topekatic.org](mailto:office@topekatic.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Mar. 8 .....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	W&M Meeting.....	during coffee hour
Mon., Mar. 9 .....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
.....	Church Council Meeting.....	5:30 PM
Tues., Mar. 10.....	Quilters .....	9:00 AM
Wed., Mar. 11 .....	Lenten Evening Prayer & Study .....	5:15 PM
.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
.....	Historic Old Town NIA Meeting.....	6:30 PM
Thurs., Mar. 12.....	Men's AA .....	7:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 15 .....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

The Topeka Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to an organ recital by Hentus van Rooyen today, **March 8 at 2:00 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 817 SW Harrison St. Dr. van Rooyen is professor and organist at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS. Included in this free event are works by J.S. Bach, Gustav Merkel, Daniel Gawthrop, and Jean Langlais. We hope you can join us!

We are invited to join 1st Lutheran and the residents of Luther Place for Bible study on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The study will take place at 9:00 am in the lounge of Luther Place I.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Feb. 9	\$1,346.00	\$0.00	\$1,346.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$1,302.00	31/32
Feb. 16	\$2,547.00	\$50.00	\$2,597.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$51.00	34/36
Feb. 23	\$2,345.00	\$98.00	\$2,443.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$205.00	31/32
Mar. 1	\$2,629.00	\$95.50	\$2,724.50	-\$2,792.00	-\$67.50	39/na
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Feb 2020	\$9,979.17	-\$8,434.73	\$1,544.44	
		Jan. - Feb	\$18,972.17	-\$20,530.87	-\$1,558.70	



The mission of  
**Trinity Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church**  
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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Noon to 5:00 PM Wednesday

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