



LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

FEBRUARY 28, 2024

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most holy and merciful God,

C we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen.

HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

ELW 334

(verses 1-3, and Lent 2)



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling

death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and

his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the

rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

One of the following may be sung as the final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 give new strength to our believing,
 give us faith to live your word.

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
 you have loved us as your own;
 stay with us through all temptation,
 make us turn to you alone.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
 may we be a blessing true;
 may we live and die confessing
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
 be the fountain of each soul;
 springing up in new creation,
 flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
 make us children of your light.
 Give us hearts to live more nearly
 as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
 God who lives beyond our death,
 hold us close through each tomorrow,
 love as near as ev'ry breath.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and life, who clothes us with + Christ Jesus and makes us one in the Holy Spirit.

C Blessed be God forever.

KYRIE

ELW 157

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

PRAYER

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness 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.

THE WORD

PSALM 37

¹Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

²**for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

³Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶**He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

⁹For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Isaiah 58:3-7

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

REFLECTION

Fasting

PR. BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Glory of These Forty Days

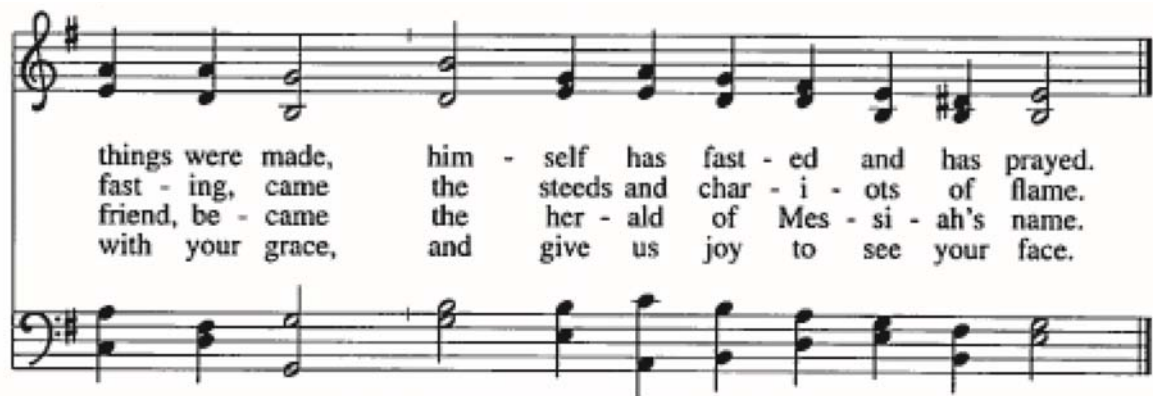
ELW 320

Please stand for the last verse.

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first stanza is the most prominent, with the other three stanzas providing additional verses. The piano part consists of chords and single notes that follow the vocal lines.

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you, Our spir - its strength - en



NICENE CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith through the Nicene Creed.

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.

PRAYERS

P *The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. (Psalm 145:2)*
God of the blessed, we praise you, for mercy shown, for grace given, for living water, for Spirit's power. We ask you for daily strength, for hope for tomorrow, your word to guide us, and strong feet to follow.

"Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." (Psalm 25:4-5)

God of the oppressed we bring to you the broken ones, the forgotten ones, the exploited and abused ones. Bring freedom and release, love and compassion to damaged hearts and souls.

(silence)

P God of compassion,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of the distressed, we bring to you the grieving ones, hurting ones, suffering and wounded ones. Bring wholeness and healing comfort and relief to broken bodies and minds

(silence)

P God of compassion,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of the dispossessed we bring to you the lonely ones, the homeless ones, thirsty, tired and penniless ones. Bring hope and sustenance physical and spiritual food, to hungry bodies and souls.

(silence)

P God of compassion,

C Hear our prayer.

P The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. May the peace, love and compassion of the Lord be with you now and always

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

P Holy God, Blessed Trinity, strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, + and give you peace this day and always.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go now in peace, for nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

Welcome to worship at Trinity!
Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you 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.

Lenten Services

February 28 – “Fasting” Isaiah 58:3-7

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Barb

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Barb

March 6th – “Prayer” Ephesians 1:15-23

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Merle

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Merle

March 13th – “Sacrificial Giving” 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Barb

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Barb

March 20th – “Works of Love” John 4:9-12

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Merle

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Merle

REFLECTIONS for LENT 2024



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the **POINT** of all of this... These devotions mean something to us because they are *ours*. They are written by Lutherans here in Missouri and Kansas with different experiences, perspectives, and talents. By sharing these stories, we are inviting one another to know God as we do. We hope that these stories help you see God more clearly active in your own life.

how to use this
DEVOTIONAL... Plan a time each day that works for you. It might be when you wake up or go to bed, before a meal, waiting in the car for kids, or with a loved one. Set an alarm to remind you if it helps. If you miss a few days, pick up with today's reflection. You can mark what you miss to go back later.

We encourage you to read the full scripture passage listed at the top of each page to hear the context of God's Word, but it's not a requirement.

Finish by with the prayer. Feel free to add anything God has moved you to say, anything else on your heart, or additional prayers you've learned.

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Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

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