



Lent 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church



"LOOK TOWARD HEAVEN AND COUNT THE STARS,

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COUNT THEM."
THEN HE SAID TO HIM,
"SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."

genesis 15:5

March
16
2025
2nd Sunday of Lent

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

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We are glad you are here!

***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Please welcome Pastor Bob Dealey as he leads us in worship today. Pastor Bob is a life-long Lutheran. He is a graduate of Bethany College, the Lutheran Theological Seminary, and the Theological School at Drew University, NJ. He was ordained in 1977 and has served congregations in Kansas, Arkansas, and Illinois. He retired in 2017, and currently serves on the Executive Board of Doorstep, Inc.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 10

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,...whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,...God's house forever.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

GREETING

P The grace ...be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord

ELW PAGE 203

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God

ELW PAGE 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A God of the covenant,...., now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

Spoken responsively

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We are turning, Lord

ELW PAGE 205

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:312-35

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BOB DEALEY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

Please stand for the last verse.

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

APOSTLES CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

ELW PAGE 127

THE PRAYERS

A Led by the Spirit,...and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy God,...God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Living God,....God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people...who leads us from death to life.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

ELW 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

A Gracious Provider,....,through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be 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.

P It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 207

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW PAGE 154

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine as well as gluten-free wafers. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Everyone who goes to the Altar for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW PAGE 208

COMMUNION HYMN*Around You, O Lord Jesus***ELW 468**

- 1 Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
- 2 We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call; your word of consolation is spoken here to all. It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.
- 3 We are your own forever; until our final breath we will be true and never in joy, in grief, in death depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Composite. Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body...keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Generous Host,..., Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING**BLESSING**

P God our tender parent,...✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN*God of Grace and God of Glory***ELW 705**

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee, refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, Mar. 16.....	Community Relations meeting 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
Mon., Mar. 17	April Trinity Tidings deadline.....
Tues., Mar. 18.....	Quilters..... 9:00 AM
Wed., Mar. 19	Soup Supper @ Our Savior's 5:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service @ Our Savior's..... 6:15 PM
Sunday, Mar. 23	Children's Sunday School 9:45 AM Worship..... 10:30 AM

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Mar. 16	Brayden Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Parker Jackson	Pr. Bob Dealey	Howard/Loni Reece
Mar. 23	Cindy McGinnis	Bob Horton,	Mitchell Bean	Loretta Hoerman	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Bob Horton	Diane Bottorff

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average	Attendance/ Communion
Feb. 16	\$1,258.00	\$0.00	\$1,258.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$953.54	36/30
Feb. 23	\$2,634.00	\$68.00	\$2,702.00	-\$2,211.54	\$490.46	67/57
Mar. 2	\$3,186.00	\$0.00	\$3,186.00	-\$2,211.54	\$974.46	34/32
Mar. 9	\$1,808.11	\$0.00	\$1,808.11	-\$2,211.54	-\$403.43	37/30
		Feb. 2025	\$14,088.95	-\$7,948.00	\$6,140.95	
		Jan. - Feb.	\$24,073.89	-\$21,285.78	\$2,788.11	



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

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Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President Diane Bottorff

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