



*Lent 2025*

Trinity Lutheran Church



March  
**23**  
2025

3rd Sunday of Lent

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

Repentance  
invites us into  
fruit bearing  
life.

[www.trinitylutherantopeka.org](http://www.trinitylutherantopeka.org)

***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.***  
*Many, many thanks to Bob Horton for sharing the sermon message with us today. Bob is a lifelong  
Topekan and was baptized at Trinity in October 1986 by Rev. Thomas Schaeffer. Bob looks forward to  
leading worship and hopes to provide a meaningful experience for his church family.*

**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**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

**ELW 756**

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, 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 Eternal God,..., now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

---

**WORD**

---

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-9**

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 63:1-8**

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup> **So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

<sup>5</sup> My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup> **when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup> **My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

**SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 10:1-13**

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 13:1-9**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

BOB HORTON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

ELW 624

*Please stand for the last verse.*

- 1 Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, although the way be cheerless,  
we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land.
- 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faithless fears o'ertake us,  
let not faith and hope forsake us; safely past the foe to our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief from a long-felt grief, when temptations come alluring  
make us patient and enduring; show us that bright shore where we weep no  
more.
- 4 Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
still support, console, protect us, till we safely stand in the promised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

APOSTLES CREED

P Together 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 We pray for the church,...God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

P We give thanks....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.*

---

THANKSGIVING

---

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

ELW 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**C Amen.**

**HYMN***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***ELW 623**

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

A O God of justice and love,...be honor and glory forever.

**C Amen.****THE LORD'S PRAYER****ELW PAGE 154****SENDING****BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you...and give you peace.

**C Amen.****SENDING HYMN***Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer***ELW 618**

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

A Go forth into the world to serve God ...rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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. 23.....	Children's Sunday School .....	9:45 AM
.....	Worship.....	10:30 AM
Tues., Mar. 25.....	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
.....	TLHA meeting .....	7:00 PM
Wed., Mar. 26 .....	Soup Supper @ Our Savior's .....	5:30 PM
.....	Midweek Lenten Service @ Our Savior's .....	6:15 PM
Sunday, Mar. 30 .....	Worship.....	10:30 AM
.....	Congregational Life meeting .....	Noon

### Worship Assistants

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Mar. 23	Cindy McGinnis	Bob Horton,	Mitchell Bean	Loretta Hoerman	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Bob Horton	Diane Bottorff
Mar. 30	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Ted Murphy, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Marcy Carlson	

### OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average	Attendance/ Communion
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
Mar. 16	\$2,892.00	\$1,066.00	\$3,958.00	-\$2,211.54	\$1,746.46	36/35
		Feb. 2025	\$14,088.95	-\$7,948.00	\$6,140.95	
		Jan. - Feb.	\$24,073.89	-\$21,285.78	\$2,788.11	

## Time and Talent

Updated Time and Talent forms were distributed at the Town Hall March 2. During this time of Transition, it is important for each of us to step up and share time and talents in order for Trinity to survive. If you haven't had an opportunity to complete a Time and Talent form, please see the one included in your bulletin today. Return your completed form to the office or give it to Dean McGinnis.

## Topeka's Pride Interfaith Service June 22

Planning is in the early stages. We have an opportunity to participate in planning this worship service. If you'd like to represent Trinity and join with Rev. Gage Church and others to plan this event, let the church office know of your interest by March 23.

## Easter Lilies

So far we have only eight lilies ordered for Easter Sunday. I will call in the order on Tuesday, March 25th, so please call or email the office before then if you would like to have a lily. Each plant is \$13. You can put a check in the offering plate or mail or drop off to the office.



**THE CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING AT GRACE CATHEDRAL FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 7 P.M.**

**Augustana COLLEGE**

**AUGUSTANA CHOIR TOUR**  
COLORADO, NEBRASKA AND KANSAS | **SPRING 2025**  
Jon Hurty, conductor

Saturday, March 22 7 p.m. <b>First-Plymouth Congregational Church</b> 2000 D St. Lincoln, Nebraska	Sunday, March 23 3 p.m. <b>American Lutheran Church</b> 1512 Avenue G Gothenburg, Nebraska	Monday, March 24 7 p.m. <b>Augustana Lutheran Church</b> 5000 East Alameda Ave. Denver, Colorado <i>with Grandview High School Chamber Singers</i>	Tuesday, March 25 7 p.m. <b>First Lutheran Church</b> 803 3rd Ave. Longmont, Colorado	Thursday, March 27 7:30 p.m. <b>Bethany Lutheran Church</b> 320 N. Main St. Lindsborg, Kansas <i>with Bethany College Choir</i>	Friday, March 28 7 p.m. <b>Grace Episcopal Cathedral</b> 701 SW 8th Ave. Topeka, Kansas <i>with Washburn Rural High School Chorale</i>	Saturday, April 5 2 p.m. <b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b> 2136 N. Brady St. Davenport, Iowa <i>With Moline Concert Choir</i>
--	--	---	---	--	---	--

All concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Visit [augustana.edu](http://augustana.edu) or call 309-794-7233.



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

725 SW Buchanan St. • Topeka, Kansas 66606  
Phone: 785-233-0767 • Email: [office@topekatlc.org](mailto:office@topekatlc.org)  
Website: [trinitylutherantopeka.org](http://trinitylutherantopeka.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Together in Community**

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

**President** Diane Bottorff

**Vice-President** Curt Lewis (Maintenance)

**Secretary** Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life)

Shelley Andrews (Administration) Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)

Parker Jackson (TBD) Steve Luoma (Administration)

Janelle Meredith (Community Relations) Duane Pomeroy (Spiritual Care)

**Treasurer** Bob Kobbeman