



Lent 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church



March
30
2025

4th Sunday of Lent

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

...this son of
mine was
dead and is
alive again; he
was lost and
is found!
Luke 15:24

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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.
Many, many thanks to Marcy Carlson for sharing the sermon message with us today. Marcy is a long-time member of Trinity and is an active and willing participant in many aspects of our church life.

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **ELW 805**

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, 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 compassion,...now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9-12

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

Spoken responsively

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2ND CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

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 fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

MARCY CARLSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW 606

Please stand for the last verse.

- 1 Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame, as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.
- 2 And now at length discerning the evil that we do, behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring, in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
- 3 O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord, grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929-2006. Text from *Resource Collection of Hymns and Service Music for the Liturgy* © 1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

APOSTLES CREED

P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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THE PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

A God of faithful promise,...God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P God of resurrection life,....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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763

1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet,
though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since
Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo
in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What
though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things
are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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. 30.....	5th Sunday Special for Camp Tomah Shinga	
.....	Worship	10:30 AM
.....	Congregational Life meeting	Noon
Tues., Apr. 1.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Apr. 2.....	Soup Supper @ Our Savior's.....	5:30 PM
.....	Midweek Lenten Service @ Our Savior's.....	6:15 PM
Sunday, Apr. 6	Doorstep Food Collection Day	
.....	Hymn Sing Along	10:15 AM
.....	Worship	10:30 AM

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.

Easter Lilies

We requested a few extra lilies beyond what have been ordered so if you forgot to place your, order, just let the church office know.



5th Sunday Special for Camp Tomah Shinga



Please see the flyer in your bulletin with information about the need for staff sponsorship at Camp Tomah Shinga. The sponsorship needs include not only monetary support (see the 5th Sunday Special envelope included in the bulletin), but also personal support in the form of personal notes or cards sent throughout the summer camp months.

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Mar. 30	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Marcy Carlson	Troy Abbott & Jeffrey Schafersman
Apr. 6	Brayden Winsor	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Rick Friedstrom, Bob Horton	

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average	Attendance/ Communion
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
Mar. 23	\$1,838.00	\$1,177.00	\$3,015.00	-\$2,211.54	\$803.46	34
		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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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.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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