



Lent 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church

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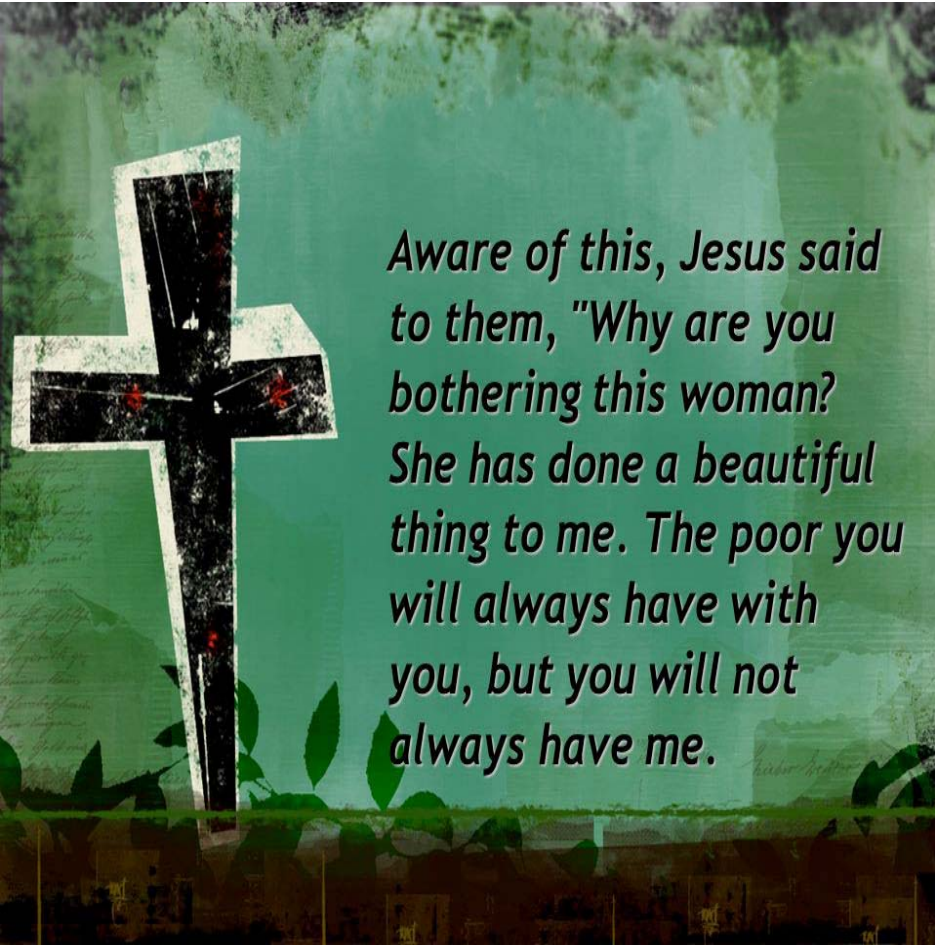
2025

5th Sunday of Lent

Together
in Community

Living
with Christ

Caring
for Neighbors



*Aware of this, Jesus said
to them, "Why are you
bothering this woman?
She has done a beautiful
thing to me. The poor you
will always have with
you, but you will not
always have me."*

Next Sunday,
April 13, is Palm
Sunday. We will
participate in
reading of *The
Cry of the Whole
Congregation*,
written by
Walter Wangerin.

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We are glad you are here!

It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed.

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Today, we welcome Rick Friedstrom as he leads worship and shares a message. Rick is a son of Trinity, baptized and confirmed here. He is an Ordained Elder, ordained by the Presbyterian Church, USA. In retirement, Rick follows the example of his grandfather, providing lay pulpit supply, when invited, for numerous congregations of the Presbyterian Church, USA, throughout NE Kansas. He has been active in the life of First Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Northern Kansas for 50 years.

HYMN SING ALONG

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 10

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † Father, Son and Holy Ghost, who forgives all our sin, 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 arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **C Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

- 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

GREETING

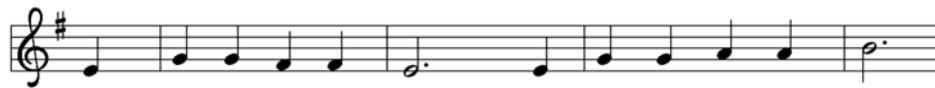
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord

ELW PAGE 203



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God

ELW PAGE 204



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all 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.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

L ¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

Spoken responsively with Assisting Minister

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

L Paul writes: ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the shar-

ing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. 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 John, the twelfth chapter.

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Please be seated.

SERMON

RICK FRIEDSTROM

Please stand for the last verse.

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy: all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death, he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head, we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, alt. Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

APOSTLES CREED

- P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith. **ELW PAGE 127**
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives may be lived in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A The people declare your praise, O God. Restore hope after a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need especially Martha Nemeth, Wendy Kobbeman Rutherford, and David McGinnis. May all who weep sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A The church declares your praise, O God. Shower blessings upon Mike Andrews, Breanna Lewis, and Isis Pomeroy as they celebrate their birthdays, upon Howard Reece, Rhonda Webb, Ashley Watson, Roxann Quarnstrom, Everly Bosch, and Isis Pomeroy as they remember their baptisms. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, 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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

- A Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

- A O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW PAGE 154

- 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.**

SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

- P Gracious God, loving all your family with a parent's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **C Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. **C Amen.**

SENDING HYMN*Christ, the Life of All the Living***ELW 339**

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe: through your suffering, death, and merit life eternal I inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 2 You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently, even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me; for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 3 Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore, for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore; thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying, for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, 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, Apr. 6.....	Doorstep Food Collection Day	
.....	Hymn Sing Along	10:15 AM
.....	Worship	10:30 AM
Mon., Apr. 7.....	Church Council meeting.....	5:30 PM
Tues., Apr. 8.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Apr. 9.....	Soup Supper @ Our Savior's.....	5:30 PM
.....	Midweek Lenten Service @ Our Savior's	6:15 PM
Sunday, Apr. 13	Adult Sunday School.....	9:30 AM
.....	Worship	10:30 AM
.....	PFLAG meeting.....	2:00 PM

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.



You are Cordially Invited to

Doorstep's Appreciation Banquet

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

901 SW Fillmore

Program:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka

Dinner: Taco Bake, Salad & Dessert

Music ~ Quilt Drawings ~ Volunteer Awards ~ Love Offering

Join us as we celebrate Doorstep and our volunteers!

RSVP to 785-357-5341 by Thursday, April 24th

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Worship Leader(s)	Coffee Hosts
Apr. 6	Brayden Winsor	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Rick Friedstrom, Bob Horton	Mike/Shelley Andrews
Apr. 13	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Bob Horton	



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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

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