

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Divine Service, Setting 1

March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025
5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15



No matter who you are or what you're going through;
No matter where you've been or what brought you here.
We want you to feel welcome in this House of Worship.
So relax, make yourself at home. Follow along as best you can.
And don't be afraid to ask questions.
We're really glad you're here!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** - Live Captioning is located on the TV found in-front on the south wing of the Sanctuary. Also available are personal assisted listening devices, please see an usher for a headphone.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRAYER** spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow Prayer Request card located in the pew rack and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

**DEAR PARENTS WITH LITTLE KIDS,** We know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family — with all its noise, struggle, commotion and joy - aren't just tolerated, you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. We're glad you're here!

**THERE IS AN UNSTAFFED NURSERY** located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Parish House found through the door located in the front of the Sanctuary. Audio from today's worship is piped in through our speaker system so you can still participate. Ask ushers for assistance.

#### Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

# + Service of Preparation +

Please Stand

Hymn ~ Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vv. 1, 3-4) LSB 686



# Call to Worship & Invocation

**Pastor:** Come, you who are called 'less-than' by the enemy; see the One God,

People: Who shines eternally in perfect love and tender-heartedness.

Pastor: Come, you who are called the 'Beloved of God;' listen to the

movement of the One Spirit.

People: Who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to

its setting.

Pastor: Come, you who are called 'Children of God;' know the fullness of

the One Christ,

People: Whose solidarity, with us in life and in death, shows the salvation

of our God.

**Pastor:** All are welcomed in this House of the Living God; to sing of God's

Name and to be refreshed by God's goodness.

People: And none are turned away.

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

# Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious and Loving God,

People: We confess that we have kept silence, even as the minds, bodies

and souls of Your children waste away in the far country. We have convinced ourselves of our own holiness, and have forsaken Your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our neglect of those who have strayed away, and of ourselves. Renew

our minds and our spirits, that we may walk in the way of Christ.

Amen.

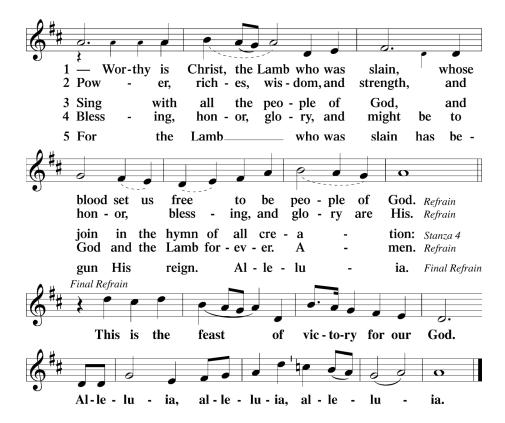
**Pastor:** In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ...in the

Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### **Hymn** ~ This is the Feast





# Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: .... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

# + Service of the Word +

# Children's Message

(10:15)

## **Epistle**

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: <sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgressions | are forgiven, whose | sins are covered.

- <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not | count against *them* and in whose spirit is | no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones was- | ted away through my groaning | all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was hea- | vy on me; my strength was sapped as in the | heat of sum*mer*.
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my i- | niquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt | of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you | may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters | will not reach *them*.
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; you will protect | me from trou*ble* and surround me with songs | of deliv'*rance*.

- <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go; I will counsel you with my loving | eye on you.
- <sup>10</sup> Many are the woes | of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who | trusts in him.
- 11 Rejoice in the Lord and be | glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are up- | right in heart!
- D Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the | Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, | A-men.

Please Stand

## Alleluia & Verse

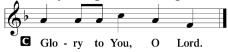


# **Holy Gospel**

Luke 15:1-3, 13b-32

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People:



Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>13b</sup> the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to

my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.<sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:







Text (sts. 1–2, 4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond
Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati
Text and tune: Public domain

# Message

Please Stand

# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

# Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

# Offering

Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.
- Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e., \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.
- Online giving at https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving.
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

# Connect with Your Church & Community!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attender, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect... "trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"



# + Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament with this understanding are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ; to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Please ask the pastor at the time of reception if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

#### Please Stand

# **Preface and Proper Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

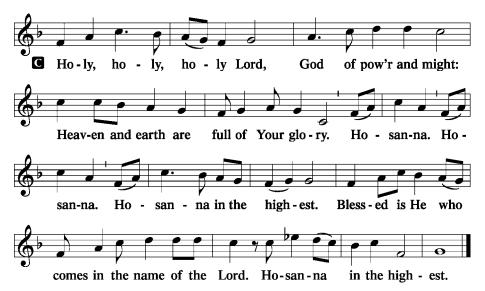
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right... evermore praising You and singing:

#### Sanctus



# Lord's Prayer

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.

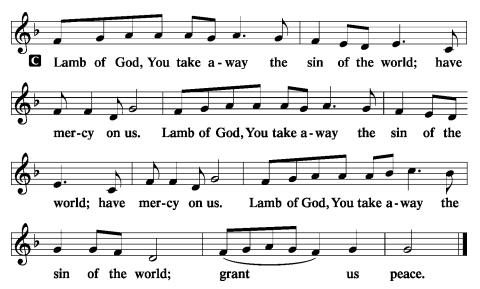
#### Words of Institution

#### The Peace

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

# Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God



## **Communion Hymns**

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 556 LSB 725

# **Prayer**

**Pastor:** ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### **Benediction**

Hymn ~ Christ, the Life of All the Living (vv. 1, 6-7) LSB 420



## **Postlude**

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# **Worship Leaders**



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The People of Trinity Lutheran Church

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	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:15am	Sunday 10:15am
Preacher:	Travis Scholl	Travis Scholl	Travis Scholl
Presider:	Travis Scholl	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher
Liturgist:	Travis Scholl	Josh Hatcher	Bab Maare
Prayers of the Church: Acolyte:	Travis Scholl	Josh Hatcher	Bob Moore
Communion Assistant:	Allen Helms	Kurt Hertel	Chris Armstrong
	Nancy Poggemoeller	Ryan Markel	Daug Dick
			Jake Lipe
			Steve Meyer
Children's Message:			Bab Maare
Lector:	Steve Lange	Keith Suedmeyer	Bab Maare
Cantor:	Nicole Heerlein	Nicole Heerlein	Nicale Heerlein
Organist:	Jeff White	Jeff White	Jeff White
Communion Prep:	Nancy Poggemoeller Kurt Poggemoeller	Annette Carson	Melba Wetmore
Livestream Broadcast:			Hayden Koeltzow
			Paul Koeltzow
Greeter:			Patrick Hendershot
Usher:	Phil Koehr	Phil Koehr	Bab Kurtz
Sunday School Teachers:		Steve Meyer	Tom Kellerman Joshua Blasingame Jennifer Guidry
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# March 29th & 30th 2025

# TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We pray that your time with us is uplifting and encouraging as we follow Christ together.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here to help you connect with Christ Jesus, with our ministry, and with each other. If we can be of help to you in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Wednesday Lenten service: 5:30 p.m. Saturday service: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday services: 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

SUNDAY	WEEKLY	MONDAY-THURSDAY
Children's Sunday	Office Hours	Emma Wilkerson's
School	Tuesday-Thursday	funeral services
Parish House	9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.	9:00am - visitation
9:15 a.m.		10:15 a.m
		celebration of life
Confirmation Class	Soup Window	Women's Bible Study
3 <sup>rd</sup> floor Parish	Tuesday-Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Parish House
House	9:30 a.m10:30 a.m.	Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.		
	Groceries on Fridays!	
Adult Bible Study	Handbell Practice	Adult Bible Study
Recuring Sundays	Sanctuary	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Parish House
Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.	·	- '
	Choir practice	
	Sanctuary	

6:30 p.m.

# COMMUNITY CARE

**Soup Alley Food:** 619 meals served plus we were able to give away 6 grocery bags at Soup Alley for the month of February! -Daily average of 29.5 meals. We were able to help two community members with utility assistance.

Please consider how you can help, donate, or serve. Meals are served Monday-Friday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. for our unhoused and hungry neighbors.

- PB&J or Meat Sandwiches
- Mustard and mayo packets
- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.
- New Men's M and L Underwear
- Men's sweatshirts and long sleeve t-shirts size L and XL
- NO Women's or Children's clothing at this time
- NO toiletries at this time

## Thank you for your generosity!

Donation drop-off days are Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by appointment. Email office@trinitystlouis.org to schedule a time to stop

**Community Care Donation Bins:** Please place your Saturday/Sunday donations for Community Care in the marked bins in the "museum room". This will help us inventory items coming into Soup Alley.

# **FELLOWSHIP**

**Fellowship Luncheon:** Please join the Committee and your fellow parishioners on the first Sunday in April, the 6<sup>th</sup>, at Molly's (816 Geyer Ave).

# CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH

Date: Friday, May 9, 2025

Cost: \$20 per person
Deadline: April 25, 2025

Menu: Tuna or chicken salad on croissant, veggie tray with ranch dip,

fruit salad and lemon meringue pie

Program: Campus Plan

Vicki Biggs, Senior Vice President, Seminary Advancement and Chief

Communications Officer

Kathy Luther, Executive Director, Seminary Support

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President Dr. Thomas J. Egger

Election of vice president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary

Mail reservation with your check(s) made payable to Concordia Seminary Guild to:

Mary Jane Autry 2076 Henley Woods Arnold, MO 63010 Questions? 314-578-9158

# Before the Darkness: The "Other" Days of Holy Week

A Sermon Series for Midweek Lenten Reflections

For our Ash Wednesday and midweek reflections this upcoming Lenten season, we'll explore the early days of Holy Week from Palm Sunday afternoon into Wednesday.

This journey will correlate with our regular Sunday morning Bible Study, and build on the rising tension between Christ and the power dynamics of institutionally-minded religious systems.

Ash Wednesday: March 5 Midweek 3: March 26

Theme: Insight Theme: Power Dynamics of Worship

Palm Sunday Afternoon Tuesday

Time: 6:30 pm Times: 5:30

Reading: Mark 11:11, Reading: Mark 12:38-40, 41-44

cf. Mark 12:41-44 & 13:1

Mark 13:28-31

Midweek 1: March 12 Midweek 4: April 2

Theme: Prayer of a Fig Tree Theme: In the Night

Monday Morning Tuesday Afternoon

Time: 5:30 Times: 5:30

Reading: Mark 11:12-14 Reading: Mark 14:1-2, 10-11

Cf. Mark 11:20-26 &

Midweek 2: March 19 Midweek 5: April 9

Theme: Turning Tables Theme: Silence: The Day Before

Still Monday Morning Wednesday

 Times:
 5:30
 Time:
 5:30

 Reading:
 Mark 11:15-18
 Readings:
 Psalm 62

We'll stick to our regular Holy Week schedule for Maundy Thursday (6:30 pm),
Good Friday (Tenebrae, 6:30), and Easter Vigil (5:00).
Looking forward to walking through the Passion with you, and always —

Peace,

Jose Hatcher

# **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

**Sunday Adult Bible Study:** The Last Week by Marcus Borg - Meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary, led by Sarah Kortze and Alan Meyer in the Sanctuary.

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study:** The Women's Bible Study continues from 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Our study is called "He's Where the Joy Is" by Tara-Leigh Cobble (If you'd like to order from Amazon, ISBN:978-1-0877-8548-6). If you have not studied with us recently, please know you are always welcome.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** We are studying the Book of Acts and how the early church provides a template for The Church today. How does "then" apply to the "now" and future of Trinity and beyond. Pastor Steve Albers will be the facilitator. We shall meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Parish house.

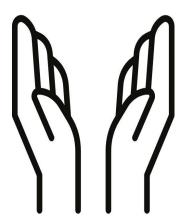
# STUDENT MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House, 1st floor, for all children three years to 4th grade. Join us as we journey through the <u>Bible in One Year</u>. The morning lesson and craft will be from 9:15-9:45 and music with Katy Moll and Rebecca Carroll will be from 9:45-10:00. All children are welcome!

**Confirmation:** Sundays from 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Parish House, 3rd floor meeting room. This confirmation class is for children in 5th grade and older. To attend, please contact Pastor Hatcher/Dianne.

# **PRAY**

Birtl	ıdays ~ March 29th-Ap	Parish Community	
Karen	McKnight	March 30	
Rachelle	Freese	March 31	
Alison	Lauer	March 31	
April	Choi-Pawlowski	April 1	The Conner Family
Magnolia	Keil	April 1	·
Melba	Wetmore	April 3	The Conover Family
Terry	Wilke	April 3	The Cook Family
Heather	Forbes	April 3	The Copeland Family
Grace	Birk	April 3	The Copley Family
Dane	Allen	April 4	The copie y running
			The Cornell Family



# **OUR DEACONS**



Allen Helms



Joyce Binder



**Patrick Hendershot** 



**Ginny Kuhlhoff** 



Mary Marth



Lorene Mazdra



Jeaninne Meyer



**Kay Weber** 



Paul Weinhold



Melba Wetmore



Mike Ziemann



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