

**First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025
Service of Prayer & Preaching-LSB pg. 260**



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study: 9:40 a.m. (September-May)
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m. (September-April)

Opening Hymn #418 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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Tune: The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635, Edinburgh

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C 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. Amen.

Readings From Holy Scripture

Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

P A reading from Deuteronomy, the twenty-sixth chapter.

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few

in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Romans 10:8b–13

P A reading from Romans, chapter 10.

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reading

Luke 4:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve."

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,'

¹¹and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Responsory

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Apostles' Creed

- C** 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.

Children's Message

#656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
 Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
 Of Sabaoth Lord,
 And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
 All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
 They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
 He can harm us none.
 He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain
 Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
 With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
 Though these all be gone,
 Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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Sermon

Offering

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Your offerings are gifts to God. They help us serve Him as a witness to our community. As you continue to place your offerings in the baskets, mail them to the church office, or give through our online giving opportunities, (follow the "Giving" link on the Trinity website at www.trinitymonitor.org or text the word "GIVE" to 989-270-0281 and follow the directions) know that we seek to use these resources to the glory of God and the furthering of His Kingdom.

Prayer

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

- P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

New Testament Canticle-#727 On Eagles' Wings

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain*

*ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. *Refrain*
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

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Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
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, lead Thou on
 Till our rest is won.
 Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
 Still support, console, protect us,
 Till we safely stand
 In our fatherland.

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FEBRUARY TOTALS		ATTENDANCE		
General Fund	\$66,017.32	3/2	1st	77
Missions	\$935.00		2nd	196
BFF	\$700.00	Ash Wednesday	1 st	86
Church Maintenance	\$450.00		2 nd	43
Tuition Assistance	\$105.00			
Benevolent Fund	\$00.00			
Christmas Tree Fund	\$350.00			
TOTAL	\$68,557.32	TOTAL		402
Memorials included in the totals above: \$00.00				

CALENDAR			
Today	3/9	9:30-10:30 am	Book Fair (in the gym) Open to the Congregation
Monday	3/10	Trinity Members-Enrollment Begins	
Tuesday	3/11	6:00 pm	Handbells
		6:30 pm	Stewardship
		7:00 pm	Athletic Club
Wednesday	3/12	8:15 am	Chapel
		4:30 & 6:00 pm	Lenten Worship
		5-6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner-Soup & Rolls
Thursday	3/13	5:30-7:30 pm	Literacy Fair & Open House
Saturday	3/15	10:00 am	Friendship Guild
Sunday	3/16	8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship w/Communion
		9:40 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
		12:00 pm	The GATE @ Trinity

SINGERS NEEDED: Choir rehearsals will be held Thursdays at 6:00 pm on March 27, April 3, April 10 and following worship on Thursday, April 17. We will be preparing to sing in worship on Palm Sunday; April 13, Maunday Thursday, April 17; and Easter Sunday, April 20. Come join with others in using your musical talents in worship. Questions should be directed to Joy Feinauer 989-450-9480.

TODAY AT YSC: Today we rejoice in Jesus—the New Adam—who succeeds where the first Adam failed so that we, too, are victorious in Him! The devil’s Temptation Trifecta is no match for the New Adam Jesus! Because of His victory, we can be confident that our Father in Heaven provides for us, promotes us, and protects us! We have someone looking out for us who is better than we deserve! See you at Grace at noon!

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY: I would like to thank you all for our prayers during my recent difficulties (kidney stones and enlarged prostate). Being laid up for six plus weeks seems to take a physical and mental toll on a person. But God does indeed answer prayers. I would also like to thank Pastor Kaiser for his visits and most of all thank God for his guiding the doctor’s hands. –Bob & Nina Hooper

NEWS FROM VLHS: Valley Lutheran’s Lenten tour home concert will be held on Sunday, March 16 at 3 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. Join the musicians of the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir, under the direction of Rebecca Sugden and Paul Eschmann for this special worship concert. The theme of this year’s worship is CROWNS, based on Revelation 19:12.

The Annual Handbell Concert, featuring the handbell choirs from Valley Lutheran and four area churches, will be held on Sunday, March 23 at 4 pm at Valley Lutheran.

Our last ‘Peek at Valley’ for this school year will be held on Tuesday, March 25. These interactive tour experiences are for interested grade school families of any age! Take a peek into life at Valley Lutheran and what sets us apart. Let us know you’re coming and pick your arrival time at www.vlhs.com/takeapeek.

Valley Lutheran High School is in search of a foreign language teacher to start in August 2025. While Spanish is certainly preferred, we are also considering other language options (i.e. German, Latin, Sign Language, etc.). The position could be either part-time or full-time depending on the particular language or specific needs of the teacher. Salary will be commensurate with experience and degree. Candidates without a teaching certificate, but who are willing to work towards one may still apply. Please send any names of referrals along with contact information or candidate resumes and cover letters to Dr. Lisa Meyers at lmeyers@vlhs.com.

PRAYER DAY: The LWML Prayer Day will be held here at Trinity on March 29, 2025. Our LWML Society Ladies here at Trinity Monitor will be hosting the Prayer Day Service for our LWML Bay Area Zone. The zone includes societies from 9 neighboring churches. We will begin at 8:30am in the school cafeteria and serve breakfast at 9am. We will go over to the church for the Prayer Service. The theme of the service is based on The Beatitudes and will be very inspiring for all of us. Every woman in the congregation is encouraged and welcomed to attend. Please feel free to bring a friend to share the hymns and prayers with. Cost is \$5.00/person. For more information or to register to attend please contact Nancy Klaus by phone (989)280-4913 or by email at Jnklaus40@yahoo.com.

LWML MEETING CHANGE: The LWML meeting day/time is changing. We will now be meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00am. All ladies in the LCMS are automatically members of the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League. We are making this change to give working ladies of the congregation a chance to attend our meetings and be able to be more active in the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League. **PLEASE NOTE-** The date for the March LWML Meeting will be March 15, 2025.

SERVANT PROJECT: The ladies of the LWML have chosen to again make fleece blankets as our servant project. We will put together the kits and have them ready for members of the congregation to take home and knot the sides. We are hoping to have them put together and ready for pickup after services today, March 9th, and returned at church by March 23rd. The blankets will be delivered to three area locations including the dialysis center, chemo center and Orphan Grain Train. Please watch for more information over the next few weeks and plan to take some blankets home to knot!



Prayer Day Service Bay Area Zone LWML

March 29, 2025 – 9:00 to 11:30 AM
Trinity Lutheran Church - Monitor
20 E Salzburg, Bay City, MI 48706

Breakfast will be served in the school cafeteria, a brief business meeting will follow breakfast, Prayer Service to follow in the Church Sanctuary, \$5.00 registration fee

Please RSVP to Nancy Klaus by March 22, 2025

All are welcome to attend!

A Mite offering will be collected

Questions Contact

Nancy Klaus at jnklaus40@yahoo.com, or
Dorothy Krider at dorothykrider@yahoo.com

2025-2026 Enrollment Dates

**Trinity Lutheran Monitor School
(Grades K-8)**

Now Enrolling

3 & 4-Year-Old Preschool
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March 3rd

Re-Enrollment start date
for all current students

March 10th

Trinity Monitor
Congregation Enrollment

March 17th

Open (Community) Enrollment

***Call the school office for more information.
(989)662-4891***

Lenten Worship

Wednesday at 4:30 & 6:00pm
March 12, 19, 26
April 2 & 9

Lenten Dinners

Every Wednesday
from 5:00-6:00pm

Palm Sunday

April 13 at 8:30 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 6:00pm
w/Communion

Good Friday

April 18 at 6:00pm

Easter Worship

April 20 at 7:00am & 10:30am
w/Communion

Lenten Dinners

March 12-Soup & Rolls
March 19-Baked Potato Bar
March 26-Taco Bar
April 2-Soup & Salad
April 9-Pasta Bar

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Lent is a contemplative forty-day period of time in the Church Year set aside for the Christian to reflect on his/her sin and unworthiness before the Lord and then to wonder at the grace of God Who gave His only begotten Son to die to atone for that sin and place upon us His righteousness that we might, through His grace, be made worthy. Stewardship is our response to God's amazing and abundant grace showered upon us through Jesus. May we be prompted to live lives worthy of the sacrifices that both God and Jesus made for all people. Let us declare the praises of Him, "*who called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light.*" (1 Peter 2:9).



You are invited to attend our first ever Trinity Lutheran School Literacy Fair & Open House!

Who: All Trinity Families and the community

When: Thursday, March 13; 5:30 - 7:30

Where: throughout our school

We would love for you to visit the school and see the amazing things God is doing! There will be books to read, mysteries to solve, book art to view, and summaries to listen to and refreshments ...it will LITerally be fantastic! See you Thursday!

Do you know someone who may be interested in attending our school?

Please share this event with them!