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all are of
the dust,
and all
turn to
dust again

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
ASH WEDNESDAY - 2:30P.M. and 7:30 P.M.
March 5, 2025

SILENT PROCESSIONAL

PSALM 51:1-12 (Read Responsively)

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;

C: in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

P: Wash me through and through from my wickedness,

C: and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions,

C: and my sin is ever before me.

P: Against you only have I sinned

C: and done what is evil in your sight.

P: And so you are justified when you speak,

C: and upright in your judgment.

P: Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,

C: a sinner from my mother's womb.

P: For behold, you look for truth deep within me

C: and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

P: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

C: wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

P: Make me hear of joy and gladness,

C: that the body you have broken may rejoice.

P: Hide your face from my sins,

C: and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from your presence,

C: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Give me the joy of your saving help again,

C: and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

EXHORTATION

The Minister addresses the exhortation to the congregation.

P: Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with Him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of His creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under His judgment, but to turn to Him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love - the discipline of Lent - help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

CONFESSION

(Please kneel)

P: Most holy and merciful Father:

C: **We confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness, the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

C: **we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

C: **we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

C: **we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

C: **we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

C: **we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C: **accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

C: **accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

C: **accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C: **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

(Please sit)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(Those who desire to receive ashes please come forward in the center aisle in two lines and kneel at the altar rail. Once you have received ashes, return to your seat using the side aisles.)

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,

C: **that we may show forth Your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord

C: **bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**

The Minister stands and addresses the congregation:

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last, we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

P: The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You hate nothing You have made and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Lenten Verse: Return to the Lord your God

Congregation: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th Chapter

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Chris

Silence for Reflection

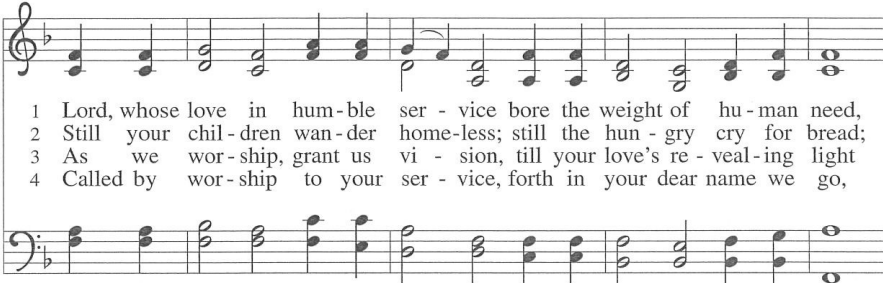
Hymn of the Day: #712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (next page)

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

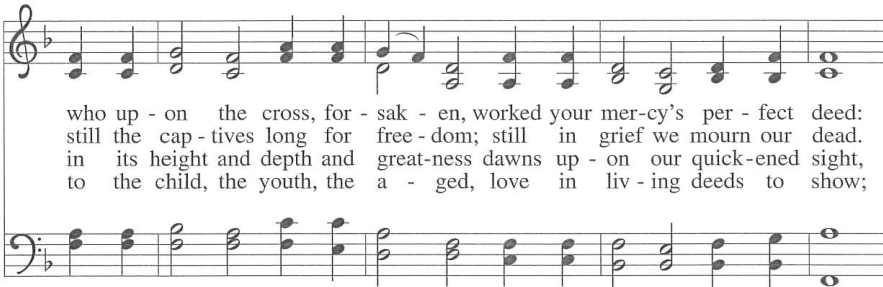
Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

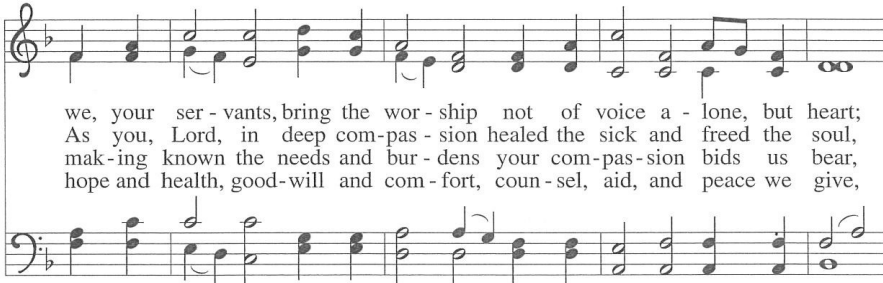
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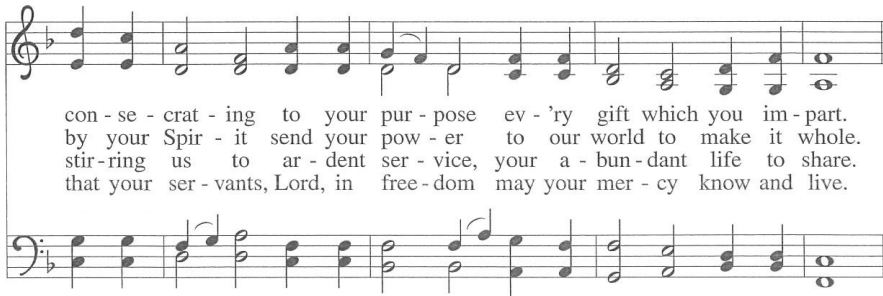
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Offering

Anthem: 7:30: *His Will Was Done*
Senior Choir

—Ruth Elaine Schram

Offertory Response: #182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:(sung) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:(sung) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Congregation:(sung) **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:(sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Hymns during communion:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle #200

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory 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.**

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.**

Blessing

Pastor: 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 of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn: #615 In All Our Grief (next page)



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
 2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,
 3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
 4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,
 the clench - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.
 He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,
 then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.
 but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

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TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 5	2:30 pm / 7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday	
Friday, March 7	10:00am-11:00 am	Age Busters Exercise	
Saturday, March 8	6:00 pm	Worship	
Sunday, March 9	9:30 am	Worship	
	10:30 am	First Communion Class	
Monday, March 10	6:30 pm -8:30 pm	Adult Volleyball	
Tuesday, March 11	10 am -11:00 am	Age Buster Exercise	
	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	
Thursday, March 13	12:00 pm	Lenten Service & Luncheon	
	6:00 pm	Blackrock Dist. Comm. Meeting	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Wednesday, March 5th	Pastor Chris	2:30- 7:30-Debbie Sheehan	

“THE CONNECTING LINK”

Sunday mornings, WPPA, 1360 AM or 105.9 FM, at 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Guest Account

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STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

Adopted by the Congregation

January 25, 1998