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*Faithful Through the Years*  
*Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church*  
*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8*

***Laetare (Lent 4)***  
***March 15<sup>th</sup> -- anno Domini 2026***

Psalms 122 is where we get our *Gradual* for this Sunday. "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD' . . . . Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces." This is always our refuge in tempest, famine, plague, war, and all attacks. It is the house of the LORD. St. Paul calls this the Jerusalem who is above. She is the church of God cleansed by the blood of Jesus. She is protected from all evil. But on earth, she is seen as torn down. Soon after David and Solomon's reign Jerusalem's earthly power and influence became less and less until finally the Babylonians came and took it all away. God graciously caused the city to be rebuilt until he sent his Son into the flesh to gather the remnant into the holy temple of his body forever. The earthly Jerusalem rejected him, so St. Paul says that this earthly Jerusalem is in bondage with her children. She remains in bondage as long as she does not find her rest in Christ who gave his body up into death in order to present to himself a pure bride, a free mother of all those who trust in him. This is his pure and free church who is free from all condemnation.

The heavenly Jerusalem is hidden here on earth. It is visible in the gathering of his saint around his pure gospel and holy sacraments. But even when people are prevented from gathering around the visible signs of the church, they find their refuge in the Word of God where their Savior gathers all his saints. Those who avoid the house of the LORD for the pleasures of this life are in bondage with the earthly Jerusalem, because they are finding their comfort in worldly things that are passing away, in their own accomplishments and desires. But what of those who are stuck at home, sick, or near death? They are the ones who should rejoice in the Word of their Savior when their pastor and other members of Christ's body bring them the comfort of the gospel. We are one body, after all, united together by the freedom Jesus gives in his gospel. When you have God's Word, then you can be glad, even when steeples are falling. The God who provides daily bread for our bodies will see to it that we are nurtured in our souls when we dwell in his Word.

**DEAR VISITORS:** As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

# The Order of Morning Service

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**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *O Living Bread from Heaven*

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*Stand for final stanza*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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*Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.*

## Service of the Word



### Introit

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad with her,\*  
all you who | love her;

**that you may feed and be | satisfied\***

**with the consolation of her | bosom.** (*Isaiah 66:10-11*)

I was glad when they | said to me,\*

"Let us go into the house | of the LORD."

**Our feet have been | standing\***

**within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!**

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem:\*

"May they prosper who | love you."

**For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will | now say,\***

**"Peace be with- | in you."** (*Psalms 122:1-2, 6, 8*)

**Gloria Patri** ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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**Kyrie - Lord, Have Mercy**

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.*

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading - Exodus 16:2-21**

<sup>2</sup>In the wilderness the whole congregation grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

<sup>3</sup>"If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt," the Israelites told them, "when we sat by our pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted! You brought us into this wilderness to starve this whole congregation to death!"

<sup>4</sup>"I will send you bread like rain from heaven," the LORD told Moses. "And I will test them to see if they will do what I tell them or not: Each day the people will go out and gather only what they need for that day. <sup>5</sup>But on the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring home, it will be twice as much as they gather any other day."

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron told all the Israelites: "This evening you will realize the LORD took you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you will see the LORD's glory, for He has heard you grumble against the LORD. What are we that you should grumble

against us.”<sup>8</sup> Moses added: “This evening the LORD is giving you meat to eat and in the morning all the bread you want, for the LORD has heard you grumble against Him. What are we? You didn’t grumble against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> “Tell the whole congregation of Israel,” Moses said to Aaron: “Come before the LORD, for He has heard you grumble.”<sup>10</sup> But then, as Aaron talked to the whole congregation of Israel, they turned toward the desert and saw the LORD’s glory appearing in the cloud.<sup>11</sup> “I have heard Israel grumble,” the LORD said to Moses.<sup>12</sup> “Tell them: ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will get all the bread you want, and then you will know I am the LORD your God.’ ”

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew was lying around the camp.<sup>14</sup> When the dew lifted, the desert ground was covered with something small and flaky as fine as hoarfrost on the ground.<sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they asked one another, “What is it?” because they didn’t know what it was.

Moses told them, “This is the food the LORD gives you to eat.”<sup>16</sup> And this is what the LORD orders you to do: Everyone should gather as much of it as he can eat — take one and one-half quarts for each as you count the persons each of you has in his tent.”

<sup>17</sup> The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less.<sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with a measure, the one who gathered much didn’t have too much, and the one who gathered little didn’t have too little, but each had gathered as much as he could eat.

<sup>19</sup> Moses told them, “Nobody should keep any of it till morning.”<sup>20</sup> But they didn’t listen to Moses. Some men kept part of it till morning, and it was full of maggots and stank. So Moses was angry with them.

<sup>21</sup> Every morning each one gathered as much as he could eat. When the sun was hot, it melted away.<sup>22</sup> But on the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, three quarts for each person, and all the leaders of the congregation came to Moses to tell him about it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



### Gradual

I was glad when they | said to me,\*

“Let us go into the house | of the LORD.”

**Peace be with- | in your walls,\***

**Prosperity within your | palaces.** (Psalm 122:1, 7)

### Epistle - Galatians 4:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who want to be under the Law, will you not listen to what the Law says? <sup>22</sup> It is written that Abraham had two sons; one was the son of the slave and the other the son of the free woman. <sup>23</sup> Now, the son of the slave was born like



sat down. There were about 5,000 men.

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people who were sitting down, and in the same way as much of the fish as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they had enough, He told His disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left so that nothing will be wasted." <sup>13</sup>They gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces of the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup>Seeing the miracle He did, the people said, "This certainly is the Prophet Who is coming into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus learned that the people meant to come and take Him by force and make Him king, He went back again to the hill by Himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day** *↪ Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

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**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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*Sit*

**Gathering of the Offering**

*Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward*

*We give Thee but Thine own,*

*Whate'er the gift may be*

*All that we have is Thine alone,*

*A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the  
Record of Fellowship in the  
folder in your pew.

**Litany**

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Prayers

**General Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**Hymn** *↪ Christ, the Life of All the Living*

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**Concluding Collect**

**Benediction**

*Sit*

**Hymn to Depart** *↪ Glory Be to Jesus*

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**Silent Prayer**

**Ushers for today:** Adam Swann, Evan Scheer Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer

**Next week:** Jon Finck, Andrew Rethemeyer, Oscar Otten

**Greeter for today:** James Eads

**Next Week:** David Otten

**Acolyte today:** Sam Scheer

**Midweek Lent:** Colton Swann

**Next Sunday:** Nolan Pelster

**Flower and Altar Care:** **March:** Linda Kaskaden & Jennifer Trsek

**Organist:** Andrew Finck

**Prayer and Petitions:** Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound; Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

**Birthdays and Annivers:** Alton Swann, 16<sup>th</sup>, Lydia Otten, 19<sup>th</sup>

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### **Lent/Easter Worship Schedule**

Lenten Services @ 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm (March 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>)

Palm Sunday – Confirmation Commemoration 10:00 a.m. service (March 29<sup>th</sup>)

Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Good Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)

*Easter Sunrise* service at Camp Trinity 6:30 a.m.

*Easter Sunday Divine Service* – 10:00 a.m. (April 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Palm Sunday, March 29th** - There will be a dinner immediately after the church service. The church will be providing fried chicken, drinks, and dinnerware. Please bring a side or dessert.

**Washington Circuit Third Sunday Youth, today, March 15th:** This is for any and all Washington Circuit youth and their friends in grades 6th through high school. It is a great opportunity for our Lutheran youth and their friends to get together, have fun and dig into God's Word, specifically the book of Romans. Bring your Bible along. We will meet from 6-8 p.m. at Camp Trinity (439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven) for fellowship, food and Bible study. Any adults that may have to drive youth are welcome to stay and partake of the activities or just hang out at Camp Trinity to save miles on the road.

**March Ladies Luncheon:** The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** at The Tilted Skillet, Washington, at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

**Outdoor Church Yard Clean-Up March 21st** starting at 9:00 and concluding when done. If you can make it and bring a rake, hedge clippers, tree trimmer, work gloves, please do.

Trinity Lutheran Church is having a **Confirmation Commemoration on Palm Sunday** as part of our 100th Anniversary celebration. We are recognizing and **celebrating our previous Confirmation Classes from Trinity** on March 29<sup>th</sup>, including yours. We cordially invite you to join us for our 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday worship service and after-service a meal with fellowship, visiting old friends, and photo display. If you have your **confirmation photo**, please share with Linda Kaskadden.

**Spring Clean Up 2026 at Camp Trinity, New Haven** March 28th (8a.m.-4p.m.)

All are invited to the Annual Spring Clean - Up Day at Camp Trinity(439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven, MO). Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., followed by devotions and various construction and clean-up projects throughout the camp grounds and buildings.

Lunch will be served at noon and the day will conclude at 4 p.m. If you can't commit to the whole time, join us when you are able. Please RSVP Camp Trinity (573)237-2072 or email [camptrinity73@yahoo.com](mailto:camptrinity73@yahoo.com) if you are able to attend so they can prepare enough food and projects. You are also welcome to bring along appropriate tools if you are able. Call for more information on the projects to be completed.

**Parents of VBS Children and helpers:** The children and youth (preschool-high school) of Trinity, Bethlehem, and Ebenezer are invited to sing at the upcoming Easter Sunrise Service. We will be singing *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*, during the offering. Please start practicing with them at home during your home devotions. We are also working on it during Sunday School, join in on the faith-filled fun. All donations collected at Easter Sunrise Service will be used for this summer's joint VBS at Camp Trinity. The Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 a.m. at Camp Trinity.

**VBS 2026, May 27-29 Wake, Awake: Watching for Jesus. We need our members, children and grandchildren to register for VBS. Youth and Adult volunteers need to register too.** Letters have been mailed to many of our young families, youth and adult volunteers. If you didn't get one grab one off the bulletin board in the narthex. VBS will fill up fast and we want our members to have the opportunity to take part in this wonderful Christ Centered activity. Registration will be made public on April 3rd with the 700 door hangers that will be distributed throughout New Haven. VBS will fill up and we want our members to have a spot, but you need to register to make that happen. You may use this QR code with your phone to



register: <https://vbsmate.com/events/vbs2024CampTrinity/31566>

**Grass cutting** time is here once again. A volunteer sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Volunteers, please pick out some dates and sign-up. If you are unable to cut personally, you can make a donation and some young volunteers will cut for you. See Roger Helling if you have questions.