Trinity Lutheran Church

How Are You Feeling Today?

March, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent
Empathy

PRELUDE: Your Grace Is Enough (M. Maher)

WELCOME

LENTEN LITANY

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

for where he is, we would be also.

GATHERING SONG:

As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522)



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life; 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

GREETING

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

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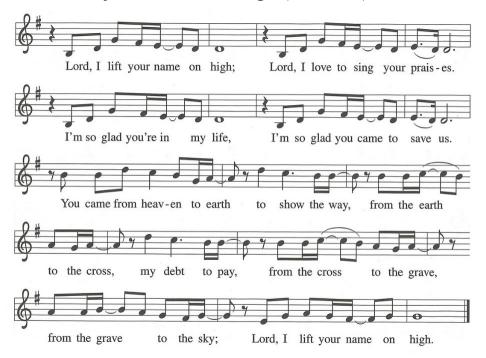
let us

pray to the Lord,

let us

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (ELW 857)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act compassionately. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: John 11:17-35

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep.

SECOND READING: Matthew 20:29-34

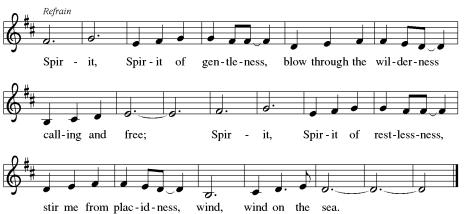
²⁹As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³¹The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!" ³²Jesus stood still and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³³They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." ³⁴Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

THIRD READING: Luke 10:30-37

³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him. "Go and do likewise."

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)





- 1 You moved on the wa ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta ble, you cried from a hill, 4 You call from to mor - row, you break an-cient schemes
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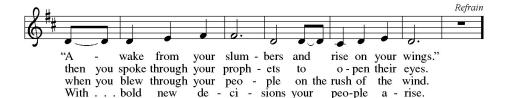


then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still; From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



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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.*

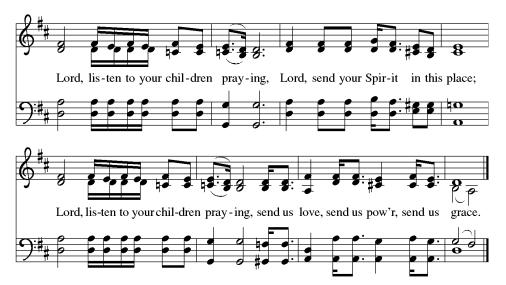
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world.

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community so that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name.

Come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness.

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERING SONG:



Text: Prayer of St. Francis; adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997 Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942 © 1967, OCP Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God,

Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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,

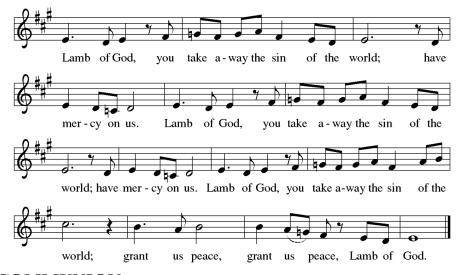
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

My Chains are Broken (J. Newton, C. Tomlin, L. Giglio) I Love You, Lord (Laura Klein)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table. May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us. Amen.

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with compassion, and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (ELW 538)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Mar 3, 2024

Altar: Damion Liles
Reader: Martha Leonard
Communion Assistant:

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Fellowship: OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY — Mar 10, 2024

Altar: Damion Liles
Reader: OPEN
Communion Assistant:

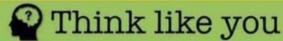
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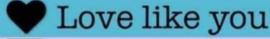
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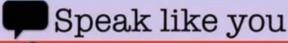
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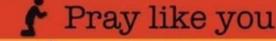
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Vote like you

Love Your Neighbor

No exceptions

from Women of the ELCA's January 2024

Views from the Rockies

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Mar 3: 9:00am Band Worship: Empathy with N. Keith

10:15am Fellowship in Gruver Rm

Mon, Mar 4: 9:00am Becoming in Gruver Rm

5:00pm TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown

Wed, Mar 6: 10:00am Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm

6:00pm Soup Supper in Gruver Rm

6:30pm Lent Worship: Joy w/ E. Hawkey

Thu, Mar 7: 11:45am MUGG Campus Meeting

@ Rendezvous Café

Fri, Mar 8: TBD Betty Carstens Funeral



Tue, Mar 19:

7:00pm



Sun, Mar 10:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship: Emotion w/ S. Barrett Fellowship in Gruver
Mon, Mar 11:	9:00am 5:00pm	NO Becoming in Gruver Rm NO TheologyPUB
Wed, Mar 13:	10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	NO Women's Study in Gruver Rm NO Soup Supper in Gruver Rm NO Lent Worship
Thu, Mar 14:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
Sun, Mar 17:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship: Guilt w/ T. Edgar Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Mar 18:	9:00am 5:00pm	Becoming in Gruver Rm TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown

Council Meeting in Gruver Rm



around the synod

Urban Servant Corps JOURNEY WITH US Through LENT

As we spend the 40 days of Lent in prayer, fasting, and sacrificial giving, we invite you to:

Pray for the vulnerable and unemployed; Fast in solidarity with the hungry and

homeless; Give to the organizations who offer basic services to our neighbors.



Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church Seeks Your Input -- this Survey is for YOU!

The Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church is tasked with collecting information about what *is* working and what *is* not working at the church wide, synod, and congregational levels. It will present its findings to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly.

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The Commission wants to hear from you through a brief survey that asks about the purpose of congregations, synods, and the churchwide office. The survey also asks, "What should the future church look like?"

Scan the Survey QR code at elca.org/crlc.



QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at alebeda@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

2024 Year-To-Date as of January 31

Income - \$19,385.60 Expenses - \$16,733.60



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