

**March 1, Second Lent**  
*Falling Is Not Failing*

# WELCOME

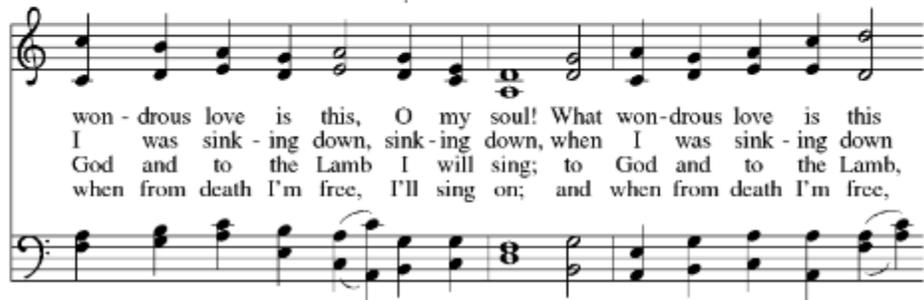
## GATHERING HYMN:

### *What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW 666)*

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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
Who creates us, meets us in our weakness,  
and raises us to new life.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Gracious God,**

**we confess that we spend much of our lives trying to climb upward—  
seeking control, success, certainty, and approval.**

**We want faith without risk,  
growth without struggle,  
and glory without the cross.**

**We confess that when life brings loss, failure, or change,  
we resist instead of trusting.**

**We hide our brokenness,  
deny our limits,  
and fear the very places where you long to meet us.**

**Forgive us for believing that falling means you have abandoned us.**

**Forgive us for mistaking strength for self-sufficiency  
and faith for having all the answers.**

**Teach us to let go of what no longer gives life,  
to trust you in the downward places,  
and to believe that you are still at work  
when we do not feel strong, certain or whole.**

God does not wait for us at the top of the ladder.

In Jesus Christ, God comes down into our lives,  
into our suffering, our failures, and our fears.

At the cross, God meets us at our lowest  
and transforms even death into the doorway of life.

By grace, you are forgiven.

By mercy, you are made new.

By love, you are invited to rise—not by climbing higher,  
but by trusting deeper.

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## PRaise AND THANKSGIVING:

### Holden Evening Prayer (M. Haugen)

All: *a tempo*



1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing  
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the  
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



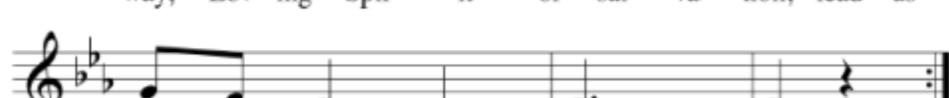
sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
on to end - less day. \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

**Wrestling God,**

**You meet us in the night and do not let us go until we are changed.**

**Give us courage to face our wounds and faith to see your light within them, through the one who was wounded for our healing, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3

<sup>2</sup> Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. <sup>3</sup> He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 43:16-22

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> **who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;**

**they lie down; they cannot rise;**

**they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:**

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things

or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> **I am about to do a new thing;**

**now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?**

**I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup> **the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.**

<sup>22</sup> Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;  
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THIRD READING: Genesis 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup> The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

<sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

<sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.”

But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.”

<sup>27</sup> So he said to him, “What is your name?”

And he said, “Jacob.”

<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.”

But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

### *Our Father, We Have Wandered* (ELW 606)

♩ = 115



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

LENT IS INTENTIONAL  
TIME TO GROW IN CHRIST.

Join a small group at Trinity  
and grow with your neighbor  
and with God.

## INTERCESSIONS:

God of Jacob and of every struggler,  
we come to you with our prayers.

*As the reader closes each petition:*

Healing God,

*The people respond:*

**transform us.**

Heal us O God.

Wrestle with us until we find your blessing in the breaking.

Meet us in the struggle and make us new.

**Amen.**

### Psalm 141 (M. Haugen)

*All:*



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



fore you, the lift - ing up of my



hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

*Leader or Group One:*



O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two:*



O God, I



now; O hear my voice when I



call to you, come to me now; O



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



hear my voice when I cry to you.



up like in - cense be - fore you, the



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to



fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an



you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the  
 burn - ing bright. ——— Let my prayer rise  
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ——— All praise to the God of all - Cre -  
 of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
 praise to the God of all - Cre - a - tor of life; all  
 Spir - it of love. ——— Let my prayer rise  
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ———  
 of - fer - ing to you.

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY: *Magnificat* (M. Haugen)



*All:*

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

*fine last time*

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.*

*White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus (ELW 451)*

## 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.

**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Now may God bless and keep you,  
may ✝ Christ be light for your life,  
and may the Spirit guide your path in love. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN:

*Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)*



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Mar 1, 2026**

Altar Month: **James Apronti**

Livestream: **OPEN**

Welcome: **Bredehoff Family**

Reader: **Lisa Guarnieri**

Assistant: **Lisa Guarnieri**

Fellowship: **Bredehoff Family**

**NEXT SUNDAY — Mar 8, 2026**

Altar Month: **James Apronti**

Livestream: **Paul Kunkel**

Welcome: **OPEN**

Reader: **OPEN**

Assistant: **OPEN**

Fellowship: **Lebeda Family**



# Trinity Happenings:

<b>Sun, Mar 1:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holden Lenten Worship: When the Container Breaks Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	
<b>Mon, Mar 2:</b>	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm
<b>Tue, Mar 3:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern</b>
<b>Wed, Mar 4:</b>	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
	11:30pm	Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm
<b>Thu, Mar 5:</b>	<b>11:30pm</b>	<b>MUGG Campus Lunchtime</b>



## Spring Forward

Set your clock forward one hour

**SUNDAY MARCH 8TH!**



<b>Sun, Mar 8:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Band Lenten Worship: Living From the Center</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>

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