

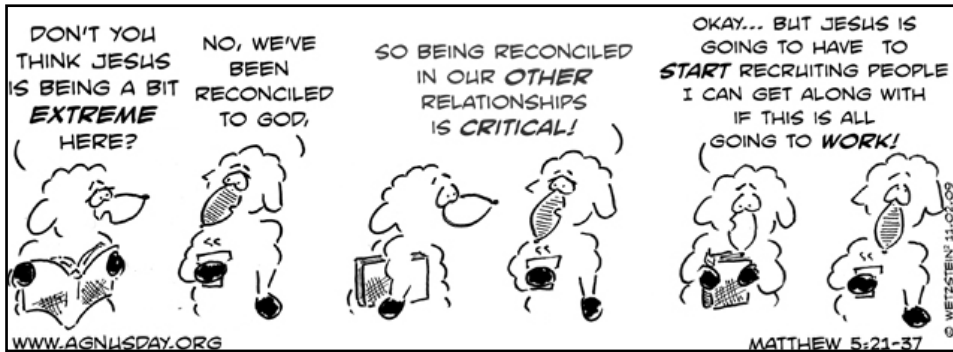
Christian Discipleship
Lenten Forum

Too Close for Comfort:
Following Jesus into a Reconciled Life

with Vince & Jo Vitale



Tuesday, February 28
6:30 PM
St. Paul's Newman Center



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

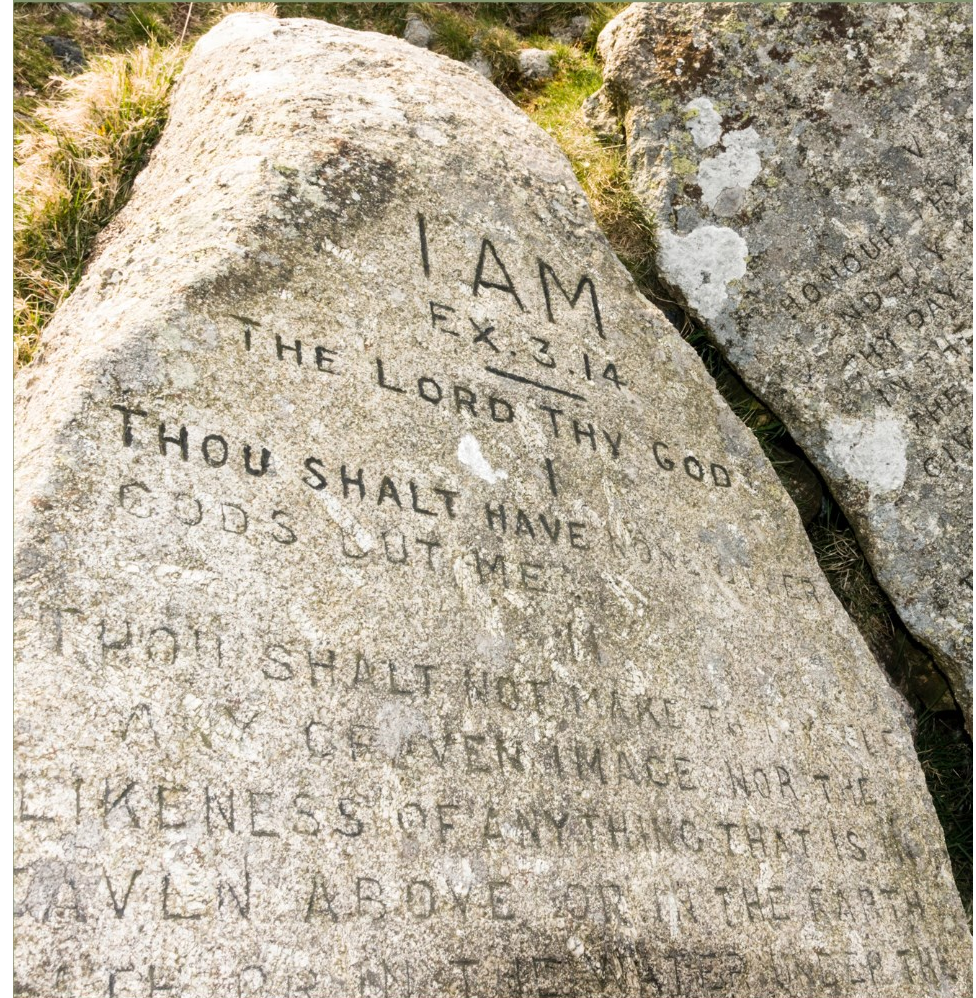
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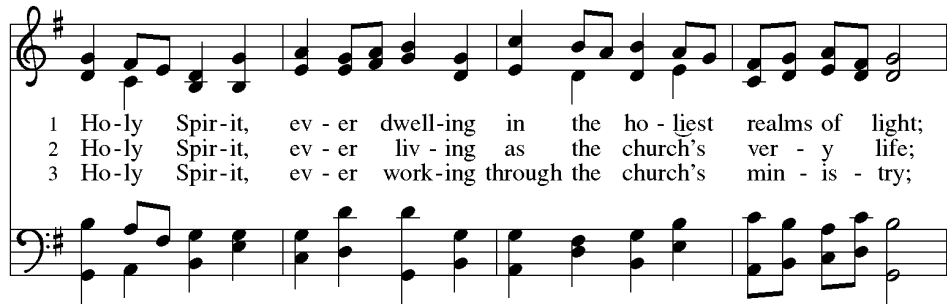


February 12, 2023
6th Sunday of Epiphany

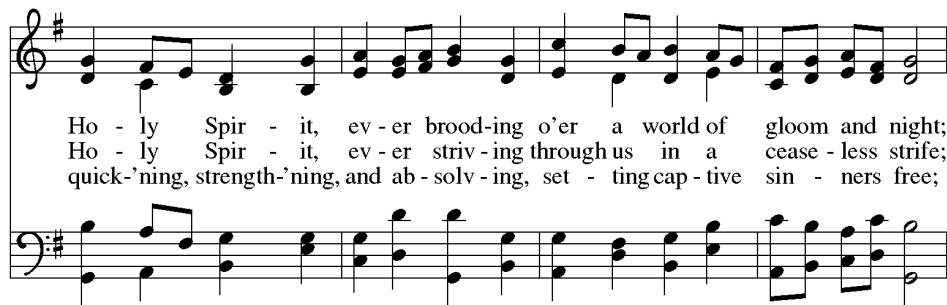
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GATHERING HYMN:

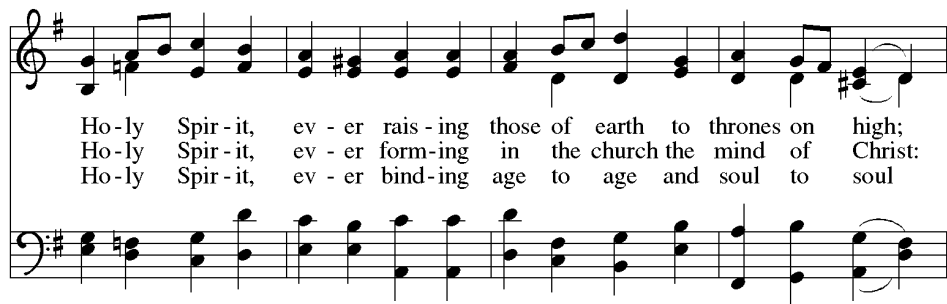
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (ELW 582)



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Wyoming congregations are experiencing a lack of pastoral candidates for their ministry. Currently half of the congregations in Wyoming are open to call a pastor, but there are no candidates interviewing for these positions.

As we witness this pastor shortage, we are challenged to find pulpit supply when Pastor Nate is away. This challenge offers us a new way of doing ministry. As a congregation, we will need to find leaders who have the gift of preaching and leading worship...and the leaders needed are in our own pews. Our preaching ministry is not just a call for Pastor Nate, but it is also a call for members to rise and share their gifts in preaching.

The Rocky Mountain Synod is hosting a preaching course for pastors and congregation members that offers a shared ministry model for Trinity. If you would like to grow your gifts of preaching and worship leadership with God's people at Trinity Lutheran, please reach out to Pastor Nate. We are better together as we lean into this new reality.

Revitalizing your congregation's preaching ministry

If your congregation is open to a more collaborative preaching model, consider this opportunity. Small lay-person teams with a rostered minister will journey through an online workshop series beginning in April together.

Each person would be asked to buy *The People's Sermon* by Dr. Shauna Hannan (preaching professor at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary). The schedule is tentatively 4:30 to 6:30 pm on:

- April 23
- May 7
- May 21
- June 4
- One-on-One Session (June 5-25)
- June 25



How do we *love*?

Join us this Lent as we focus on
how we share and receive love.



Feb 22 6:30pm
Acts of Service



Feb 26 9:00am
Physical Touch



Mar 5 9:00am
Receiving Gifts



Mar 12 9:00am
Quality Time



Mar 19 9:00am
Words of Affirmation

We will still have soup at 6:00pm followed
by *Holden Evening Prayer* at 6:30pm
Wednesdays Mar 1, 8, 22, and 29.

EPIPHANY DIALOGUE

It is you who light my lamp; you, my God,
who lights up the darkness.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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.

KYRIE

Assistant

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda

For the Reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here, who have

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray_ to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray_ to the

♣ CODA

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

cy.

A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain
Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -

er - more!

Thank You

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mary Baldwin
- Steven Barret
- Stephen Boss
- Lindsay Conyers
- Adam Huck
- Eric Loseke
- Brett Moline
- Larry Oolman
- Rochelle Wagner

The Council traditionally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.



Can you bring soup, side, or a dessert for one of our four Lenten Soup Suppers? Please sign up at a bulletin board!

April 1st
No Foolin'

CHURCH DEEP CLEANING

10AM INTO THE AFTERNOON

POTLUCK LUNCH

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Feb 12, 2023

Altar: Al & Bobbie Schimek

Reader: Martha Leonard

Communion Assistant:

Colin Merseal

Fellowship: OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY — Feb 19, 2023

Altar: Al & Bobbie Schimek

Reader: OPEN

Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN



CrossWalk

a monthly ministry for elementary-aged students, K-5.

2022-2023 Schedule

December 11th	March 26th
January 22nd	April 16th
February 12th	May 21st

Join Pastor Nate, Shelli Curtis, and the Confirmation Students downstairs from 10:45-11:30 after worship (while parents fellowship in the Gruver Room).

Trinity Happenings:

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|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Sun, Feb 12: | 9:00am | Worship |
| | 10:15am | Fellowship in Gruver Rm |
| | 10:15am | CrossWalk Downstairs |
| Tue, Feb 14 | 7:00pm | Council Meeting in Gruver Rm |
| Wed, Feb 15: | 10:00am | Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm |
| Thu, Feb 16: | 11:30am | MUGG Campus Meeting @Rendezvous Cafe |
| Sun, Feb 19: | 9:00am | Worship |
| | 10:15am | Fellowship in Gruver Rm |

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ for ever.

to Refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.

to Refrain

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: Lamb of God,
Congregation or Assistant: you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and
Congregation:
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.
Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
Congregation:
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

**At the repeat, one or more of these verses may be sung, or one of the seasonal verses which follow.*

Epiphany: You are God’s light to all of the world:

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: Congregation:
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God 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.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken (ELW 603)

1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for the whole human family, and for all creation.

As the lector closes each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

The people respond:

hear our prayer.

Gather all of our prayers in your wide embrace, most gracious God,
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *As the Grains of Wheat* (ELW 465)

Refrain
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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.