

Trinity Lutheran Church



Sunday, March 5, 2023
"Receiving Gifts"

PRELUDE: *Spirit Touching Spirit* (Handt Hanson)

WELCOME

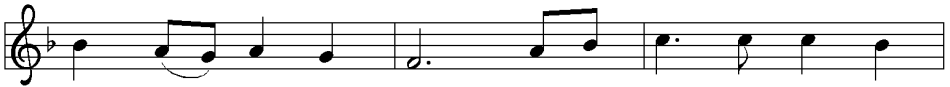
GATHERING HYMN: *All Are Welcome* (ELW 641)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy
on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight
in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy
name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. I therefore declare to
you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSIONAL HYMN:

Just As I Am, without One Plea (ELW 592)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

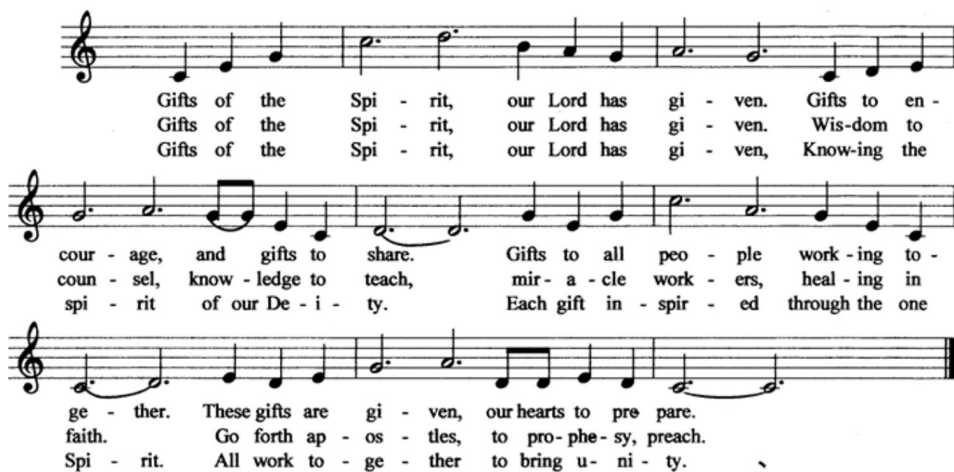
¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Gifts of the Spirit*



Gifts of the Spi - rit, our Lord has gi - ven. Gifts to en -
Gifts of the Spi - rit, our Lord has gi - ven. Wis - dom to
Gifts of the Spi - rit, our Lord has gi - ven, Know - ing the

cour - age, and gifts to share. Gifts to all peo - ple work - ing to -
coun - sel, know - ledge to teach, mir - a - cle work - ers, heal - ing in
spi - rit of our De - i - ty. Each gift in - spir - ed through the one

ge - ther. These gifts are gi - ven, our hearts to pre - pare.
faith. Go forth ap - os - tles, to pro - phe - sy, preach.
Spi - rit. All work to - ge - ther to bring u - ni - ty.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

**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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Lord, as we share the gifts of the Spirit, raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel.

Lord, as we share the gifts of the Spirit, comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss and accompany them in healing and recovery. Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, first responders and all who risk themselves to keep others safe.

Lord, as we share the gifts of the Spirit, remind us that 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.

Lord, as we share the gifts of the Spirit, rekindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire church leaders to serve with wisdom. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Come to the Table* (ELW 481)



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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.

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, 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:

Come as You Are

(David Crowder/Matt Maher/Ben Glover)

We Come to the Hungry Feast

(ELW 551)

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.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (ELW 551)



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (Francis Havergal/Mark Sedios)

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Mar 5, 2023

Altar: Margot Birkholz

Reader: OPEN

Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: Kris Oolong

NEXT SUNDAY — Mar 12, 2023

Altar: Margot Birkholz

Reader: OPEN

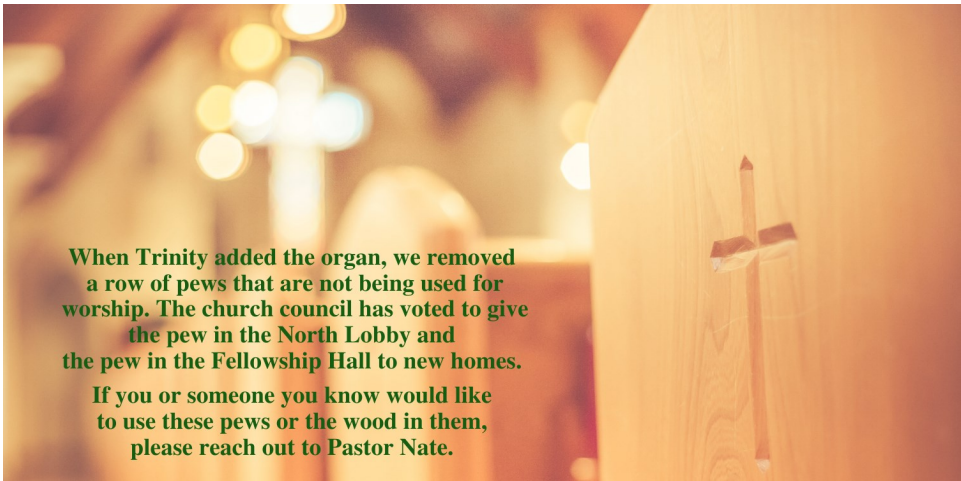
Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

Trinity Happenings:

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| Sun, Mar 5: | 9:00am
10:15am
10:15am | Lent Worship: <i>Receiving Gifts</i>
Fellowship in Gruver Rm
1st Communion Chalice Painting |
| Wed, Mar 8: | 10:00am
5:45pm
6:30pm | Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm
Lenten Soup Supper in Gruver Rm
Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary |
| Thu, Mar 9: | 11:30am | MUGG Campus Meeting
@Rendezvous Cafe |
| Sun, Mar 12: | 9:00am
10:15am | Lent Worship: <i>Quality Time</i>
Fellowship in Gruver Rm |



When Trinity added the organ, we removed a row of pews that are not being used for worship. The church council has voted to give the pew in the North Lobby and the pew in the Fellowship Hall to new homes.

If you or someone you know would like to use these pews or the wood in them, please reach out to Pastor Nate.

The church council is putting together a Property Board Committee. If you like to work on property matters and you enjoy putting a short-term and long-term plan together, please reach out to Pastor Nate. Trinity needs a minimum of 5 members to assist with property concerns.



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Thank You So Much

MARIE FRICK

Don't miss her donation "Lenten Labyrinth" on display all this season in the Gruver Room.

SPRING BREAK

Office Closure

13-16 March 2023



SAVE THE DATE!
CAMP-IN
JULY 20-22, 2023



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

2023 Year-To-Date as of January 31

Income - \$15,889.92

Expenses - \$18,096.97



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