"Rescue me from danger"

Second Sunday in Lent
February 24-25, 2024

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Lutheran Church

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February 24, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.
February 25, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Wandering Heart: "Rescue me from danger"

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Looking at Peter's faith journey, the lyrics of "Come Thou Fount" came to mind. It's as if Peter himself wrote this song. And so, as we follow Peter's story, we will sing our way through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God.

This week we see Peter step out of the boat, in the middle of a storm, to join Jesus who is walking on top of the waves. Peter walks on water until the wind shakes his trust and he begins to sink. Many of us know what it feels like to be thrown off balance, to feel as if we're sinking. Maybe this looks like doubt, unexpected change, too-busy seasons of life, devastating grief, or distance from God. We also see Jesus extending his hand, reminding us that God is with us in every storm.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Dan Gerrietts
Daniel Hanson

Organist Teresa Jacobson

Cantor 9am Warren Torkelson

Greeters Tracy and Mindy Farland

Coffee Fellowship
Patty Flatness, Kathy Pitcher
Craig Remmen

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Sally Becker
9:00 a.m. Kathy Dobrzynski

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Leah and Maggie Gerrietts
Anni Shallberg

Worship Transportation
Dean Graven and
Dennis & Anna Marie Wilson

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Dave Guetzko, Stu Vold
9:00 a.m. Randy Elsbernd, John Rodriguez
Roger Schlitter, David Stine

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P In our scripture passage for today,
Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits.
Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and
bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ.
Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same;
it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats.
And here's what I mean:
In the prayer of confession,
we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us.
In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God.
This is our moment to crawl out of the boat.
So friends, let's be like Peter.
Join me in being courageous.
Join me in truth-telling.
Join me in prayer.
It's time to get our feet wet.
Let us pray together:

C Gracious God,
There are days that threaten to swallow us,
days when the storms of life feel too big.
In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.
Forgive us for doubting ourselves.
Forgive us for doubting you.
Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.
With hope in our hearts we pray,
Amen.

P Family of faith, you could get out of the boat
and walk on water like Peter,
or fall to your knees and stay in one place.
No matter what you do,
Christ's love for you is unchanging.
Fearful or brave,
faithful or doubting,
Christ is always walking toward you.

So hear and believe this good news:
God's love is stronger than any storms.
On our best days,
and on our worst days,
we are seen, forgiven, and loved.
God is always walking toward you.
Thanks be to God!

C Amen.

Holy Baptism - Wyatt Richard Shaw (9:00 a.m.) ELW pg. 227

Gathering Hymn** ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807

***Greeting**

P The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

Glory to God ELW pg. 148

*Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus, in the midst of life's storm, you are steadfast.
As you call us into rough waters of your world,
hold us firmly in your love and grace.
We pray in your holy name.

C Amen

Psalm 22:23-31

L 23You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C 24For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

L 25From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C 26The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

L 27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C 28For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

L 29Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

C **30 Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**
whom they shall proclaim to genertions to come.

L They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg 151

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

P 22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other
side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went
up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by
this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was
against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a
ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and
came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and
beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his
hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When
they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him,
saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Daniel Hanson**

Hymn of the Day ***Lift High the Cross*** ELW 660

***Affirmation of Faith**

C I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.
I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.
I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.
I believe in a God who knows my name.
I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.
Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P Hear us O God.
C Your mercy is great.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.

Special Music (9:00 am) ***He Never Failed Me Yet*** by Robert Ray
Trinity Choir

Offertory** ***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712 vs 1

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

***Offering Prayer**

P Holy God, as we like Peter step into the storms of life,
we pray that you will remind us that you are there in every storm.
Allow us to honor your commitment
to us with the gifts presented here.

C Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

C 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.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn** ***Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798

*Sending

P Go in peace. Trust God in every storm.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT 2024

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 2-3, 2024
Wandering Heart:
"Praise the mount"
MATTHEW 16:13-20 | Simon Peter calls Jesus the Messiah, and Jesus gives him the name Peter.

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 9-10 , 2024
Wandering Heart:
"I'm fixed upon it"
MATTHEW 16:21-23 | Jesus scolds Peter after he questions Jesus' mission and calling.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 16-17, 2024
Wandering Heart:
"Teach me"
MATTHEW 18:15-22 | Jesus tells Peter to forgive seventy-seven times.

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 23-24
Wandering Heart:
"Songs of loudest praise"
JOHN 12:12-16 | Jesus rides into Jerusalem while people praise him.

Palm Sunday—Sunday School Students will sing and have a palm processional at the END of the 9am service and the beginning of the 10:30 service.

A **daily LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOK** is available to pick up they are located by the church offices.

LENT COIN FOLERS have been mailed. All gifts benefit Trinity's ongoing ministry in our community. To make your gift online, go to trinity-mc.org/give. Additional folders can be found at the Welcome Desk and by the office windows.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT | 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space
Join us for a service of music, scripture, journaling and small group discussions.

Lent Dinners are from 6-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
—all donations from the meals will support Trinity Youth attending the national youth gathering this summer.

Meal for **Wednesday February 28th** will be *Walking Tacos, Spanish Rice and Dessert*

Scholarship Applications
Scholarship applications and re-applications for the 2023-2024 school year are available to pick up outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity's website at trinity-mc.org/college-scholarships/. Applications must be turned in to the church office by March 1, 2024.

Altar Flowers are given by ***Ron and Karen Knudtson*** in honor of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

Bulletin Cover Art is sponsored by ***Harlan and Marge Baack*** in honor of the Trinity Staff and Sunday School leadership.

The bulletin cover is "Lift Off" by Nicolette Peñaranda | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Holy Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism (9:00am) of ***Wyatt Richard Shaw.*** Wyatt is the son of Daniel and Samantha Shaw. Wyatt's sponsors are Addie Albrecht and Colin Halfpap Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Wyatt to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

Care Ministry Re-Launch

Wednesday, February 28 | 2:30 PM OR 7:15 PM

Fellowship Hall

Come and celebrate the ways the spirit is moving and providing out of God's abundance. Hear how the Care Ministry has expanded and transformed to meet our current needs. Volunteers are needed to make in person visits as well as call people on the phone and send post cards. Current visitation volunteers and potential new volunteers are invited to attend. If you have not filled out the Care Ministry Volunteer survey, you can click this link to do it online https://form.jotform.com/240164927457058 or you can fill out a paper copy provided at the event on Feb. 28th. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dan Gerrietts or Parish Nurse Becky Elsbernd at 641-423-0536.

Welcome to the Table Class—

Wednesdays, March 6 & 20 | 5:15 PM | Rm. 208

The Education Committee and church staff recommend 4th grade as a good time to receive instruction on Communion. Our 2-part Communion class, Welcome to the Table, is being offered for Grade 4 students accompanied by at least one parent. The class is designed for those youth who already take Communion as well as those who are preparing for their first communion. We also welcome older or younger students to participate who have not yet had Communion instruction or desire to have communion instruction before 4th grade. Deadline to register is **March 1**—please contact Pastor Daniel Hanson and/or Marty Greder, Education Director. Students who complete the class will be recognized on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 with a reception following in the Gathering Space.

TLC Opportunities to Serve

- **Readers –** Read the lessons for weekend services. Lessons provided a week prior to reading. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Communion Servers–** Assist Pastors with Communion distribution during worship services. Training available. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation –** Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the **1st Monday** of each month from 9-1:00 and the **4th Wednesday** of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the ***2nd Wednesday*** *of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.*

For more worship serving opportunities, go to trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers

Donations for Mission Jamaica

Trinity's 2024 MJ Team is gathering donations for Westhaven Children's Home in Jamaica. Donations can be left in the main office cabinet near the East Entrance. To make a cash donation toward these items, mark your envelope/check with "Mission Jamaica." Thank you!

Requested Items

- t-shirts, blouses, dresses, jeans, dress pants, underwear and bras
- sheets (twin, double and crib), pillowcases
- bibs, towels, kitchen towels, shower curtains
- scrubs for caregivers (all sizes), heavy duty cleaning gloves, examination gloves (medium & large)
- diapers (adult medium, children stages 4 & 5), diaper rash cream, deodorants, disposable razors
- Vaseline, toothpaste & toothbrushes

Walking to Better Health - OUR SESSIONS HAVE CONCLUDED.

Easter Food Project

The Ministries Committee is asking for monetary donations from the Congregation in order to provide local, less fortunate individuals or families with a healthy Easter meal to enjoy. A donation of $35 will feed a household of up to four people, $70 will feed a household of eight people, and so forth.

Give online or in-person! Envelopes are available at the church office or Welcome Desk. Funds will be collected through March 17.

If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving an Easter box, please call the church office. The deadline for submission of recipients is March 10. You can also help by signing up to deliver food bags to recipients on Saturday, March 23, please contact the church office.

Easter Egg Donations

Each year Trinity hosts a Easter Egg Hunt. We pack 1,200 eggs—that's a lot of candy!! Donations of bags of candy are greatly appreciated. Please drop off candy at the church office. Thank you!

The Middle School Lock In will be held ***Friday, March 1 from 6-10pm*** at Trinity Lutheran. All 5-8th graders are welcome, and they can bring a friend too! We will have pizza, fruit kabobs, cookies, games, small group time with high school leaders, and scavenger hunt around the church! Everyone is welcome anytime.

Middle Age Adults are welcome for an Appetizer Hour on ***Friday, March 1 from 6:00pm-7:00pm.*** Appetizers will be provided as well as a project to take home. Attendants may choose to continue the fellowship at a local restaurant.

Trinity Boy Scouts Troop 14 are hosting a Chili Supper on **March 9 from 4-7:00 p.m.** All proceeds raised will go towards annual camp and merit expenses in 2024. Tickets are $10 a piece and will be available at the door. All are welcome! A Thrivent sponsored event.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 26

9:00 a.m.	Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)
9:00 a.m.	Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m.	Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 27

8-9:00 a.m.	BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:00 a.m.	All God's Children Gotta Write (Library)
Noon	Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m.	NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting (Rm. 300)

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
1:30 p.m.	**Lent Worship Service** (Gathering Space)
2:30 p.m.	Care Ministry Re-Launch (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 p.m.	*Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen*
6:00 p.m.	Lent Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	**Lent Worship Service** (Gathering Space)
7:15 p.m.	Care Ministry Re-Launch (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)

Thursday, February 29

8:00 a.m.	BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
7:00 p.m.	Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, March 2

Holy Communion Celebrated

5:00 p.m.	**Worship Service**

Sunday, March 3

Holy Communion Celebrated

9:00 a.m.	**Worship Service**
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	**Worship Service**

2024 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar

If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary please sign up. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are $45 and Bulletins are $25