

"Praise the mount"



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 2-3, 2024



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March 2, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

March 3, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

***Wandering Heart: "Praise the mount"***

*This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves - a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.*

*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 at a crucial juncture in his relationship with Jesus. He has been found, rescued when sinking, and has now experienced a profound revelation. He calls Jesus "Messiah." Jesus calls Peter a rock upon which he will build his church. How will this "mountaintop" faith experience sustain Peter going forward? How does God use such moments of clarity in our faith journeys to sustain us?*

***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.*

**Serving in Worship This Weekend**

<b>Pastor</b>	Dan Gerriettes Daniel Hanson
<b>Organist</b>	Jodi Korth
<b>Greeters</b>	Jake and Nancy Rockman
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Carol and Brook Boehmler Lisa Lorenzen
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	5:00 p.m. Cliff Rossler 9:00 a.m. Kathy Dobrzynski
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	5:00 p.m. Earl Kiefer, Cliff & Lou Ann Rossler 9:00 a.m. Tom & Nancy Ball
<b>Technical Support</b>	9:00 a.m. Ellen & Olivia Gansen Reid Hendrikson
<b>Worship Transportation</b>	Craig Remmen
<b>Ushers</b>	5:00 p.m. Bob Gentz, Derek Schlitter 9:00 a.m. Brian Carlson, Mike Dutcher, Mark Lehmann, Ryan Marquardt

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

P In our scripture for today, Jesus asks the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?”  
Peter said, “You are the Messiah.”

Have you ever wondered if his voice faltered when he answered?

Did he respond loudly and with confidence, or with a tentative whisper?

We’ll never know. The text doesn’t provide those details. But we can trust that, no matter how we speak to God, when we speak, God is listening.

So friends, join me in the prayer of confession. Whether you whisper these words or speak them with conviction, may you trust that our gracious and merciful God is listening with love. Let us pray together:

Holy God,

Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.

Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.

Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

**C Forgive us for losing sight of you.**

P Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—

**C trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.**

P Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

**C Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.**

P We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.

But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves,  
we ask for your tender grace.

**C Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith.  
Amen.**

P Friends,

Whether you speak to God

in a whisper or with clear conviction,

with questions or with answers,

with hope in your heart or with doubt in your throat—

God will always listen with love and mercy.

So rest in this good news:

regardless of how loudly you live your faith—you belong to God.

You are loved. You are claimed. You are forgiven.

Speak that good news with confidence.

**C Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

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

**C And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P O God, we praise you, the rock of our life.  
Be our strong foundation and guide us by your Son,  
that we might reflect your life to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**C Amen**

**Children's Sermon** (9:00am)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

**Psalm 19** (*Read Responsively*)

L <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**C <sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

L <sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**C <sup>4</sup> their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

L <sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**C <sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to  
the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

L <sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**C <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

L <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**C <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

L <sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**C <sup>12</sup> Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

L <sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C <sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg 151



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

P <sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Gerrietts**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Canticle of the Turning*

ELW 723

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

P Jesus asked the disciples, “But what about you? Who do you say that I am?”  
Church, what do you say?

**C Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm,  
the voice of truth spoken over us,  
and love without walls.**

**Jesus is justice for the weary,  
healing for the hurt,  
and welcome for the stranger.**

**Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend—  
with me on the mountain  
and beside me in the valley.**

**Jesus is a star in the night,  
and the love that knows my name.**

P Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?”

**C Like Peter, we say,  
“Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God.”**

### **\*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.*

## **MEAL**

### **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)

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 Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C Amen.

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

ELW pg. 129

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*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.**

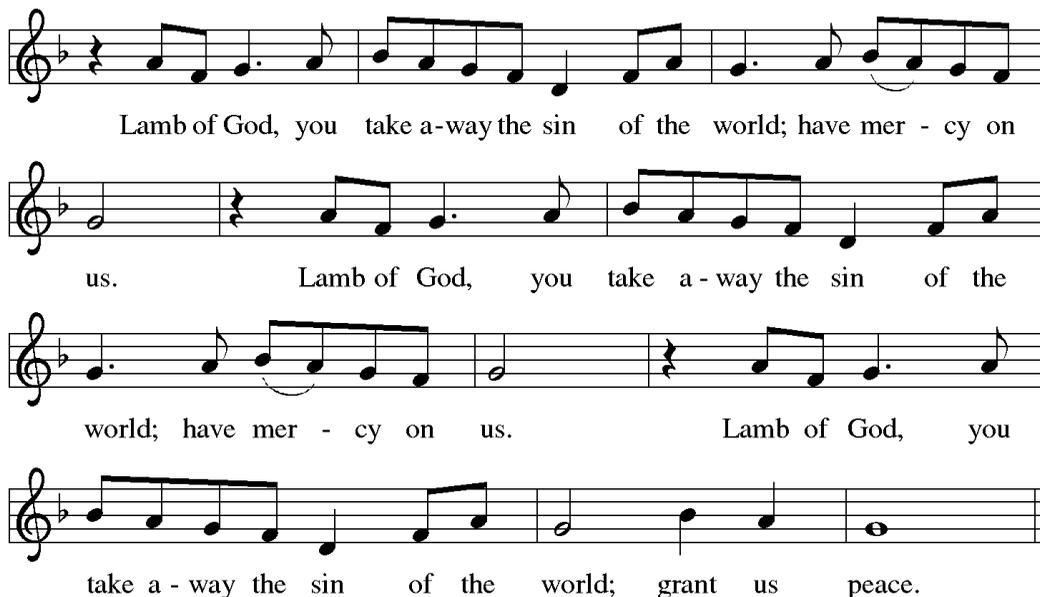
## Communion

*All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, you will be kneeling at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

*If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Lamb of God

ELW pg. 135



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.

## Communion Hymn

*How Great Thou Art  
In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

ELW 856

ELW 324

## Prayer after Communion

P Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

## SENDING

### Mission Jamaica Commissioning (9:00 am)

#### **\*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**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

#### **\*Sending**

P Go in peace. God is listening.

**C Thanks be to God!**

#### **Postlude**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LENT 2024



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### 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.

### Maundy Thursday – March 28 (6:30 PM)

#### Wandering Heart: "Streams of mercy"

*JOHN 13:1-20 | Jesus washes Peter's feet.*

### Good Friday Cantata– March 29 (6:30 PM)

#### "Were you there?"

*Written by Pastor Larry Day  
featuring Trinity Musicians*

### Holy Saturday – March 30 (5:00 PM)

#### Wandering Heart: "And I hope"

*LUKE 24:1-12 | Peter runs to the empty tomb and learns Jesus is alive.*

### Easter Sunday – March 31 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

#### Wandering Heart: "And I hope"

*LUKE 24:1-12 | Peter runs to the empty tomb and learns Jesus is alive.*

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

**LENT COIN FOLERS** can be found at the Welcome Desk and by the office windows. All gifts benefit Trinity's ongoing ministry in our community. To make your gift online, go to [trinity-mc.org/give](http://trinity-mc.org/give).

### 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**  
**March 6** will be  
*Chill and Dessert*

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Cover Art are given by **Harlan Baack and Dan Godfrey** in honor of their wives - **Marge and Millie who are celebrating their 80th birthday on March 6th.**

The bulletin cover is "Who Do You Say That I Am by Laura Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

### 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. Questions please contact Pastor Daniel Hanson or Marty Greder, Education Director.

### Book Discussion

**Monday, March 11 | 1:00 PM / Gathering Space**

The next book discussion is **Monday, March 11 at 1:00 PM** in the Gathering Space. We will be discussing the book **Meet Me at the Museum** by Anne Youngson. "Meet Me at the Museum is a celebration of long letters, kindred spirits, and the possibility of writing a new story for yourself, at any stage of life." A copy is available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church office.

**WELCA Bible Study** meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month and will meet on **Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist will lead the study on "Seventy Images of Grace in the Epistles—the March session will focus on "People Transformed to Be Change Agents in the World." This will be an interactive Bible Study with meaning for our daily lives. Women of all ages are invited to attend.

**Lydia Bible Study** will meet on **Wed. March 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** We meet for treats, conversation and then continue with the Bible Study. Lydia uses the Gather Magazine for their Bible Study. All are welcome to join us.

## **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](http://trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers)*

### Farewell Reception for Kristian Carlson

**Sunday, March 17 | 10:00 AM / Gathering Space**

Please come and help us celebrate Kristian as we send him off to his new call and as we give thanks for his leadership as our Youth Director.

### Easter Garden & Memorials

Please see the signup sheets located by the church office—

if you would like to:

- Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter plant.  
Plants can be purchased for \$15 each (Plant limit of 30).
- Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter memorial. You can also call in your request to the church office. The Easter garden (and Easter memorial) deadline is **March 22.**

## 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!

## 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.

## 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

## CO-Ed Softball returns this Summer

It's almost that time of year again for co-ed church softball! There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Stephanie Johnson will be coaching again this season. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stephanie at 641-420-5301. More information is coming soon. Go team Trinity!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, March 4

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)  
9:00 a.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, March 5

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
Noon Staff Meeting  
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

### Wednesday, March 6

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)  
10:30 a.m. Clapper Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
**1:30 p.m. Lent Worship Service** (Gathering Space)  
5:00 p.m. Servant Cabinet Mtg. (Library)  
5:15 p.m. Welcome to the Table Class (Rm. 208)  
6:00 p.m. Lent Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
**6:30 p.m. Lent Worship Service** (Gathering Space)  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)

### Thursday, March 7

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

### Saturday, March 9

4-7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Chili Supper  
**5:00 p.m. Worship Service**

### Sunday, March 10

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

There is **NO** Sunday School on March 10 or March 17

## **Summer Camp 2024—Riverside Bible Camp**

If you're entering Grade 3 in Fall 2024, you can go to Camp Riverside. Register today! Information is available at the church office, or contact Marty Greder, Education Director, at 423-0536 or [marty.greder@trinity-mc.org](mailto:marty.greder@trinity-mc.org). *Trinity has a subsidy for a member and a friend, so register today and think Summer!*