

COLLECTS

☩ Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ☩ **Amen.**

☩ O God, Whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable Truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☩ **Amen.** *Sit*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 8:16-24

Then the Lord said to Moses, **“Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’”** And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast.

Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, **“*This is the Finger of God.*”** But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

Then the Lord said to Moses, **“Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they**

stand. But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I Am the Lord in the midst of the earth. Thus I will put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”””

And the Lord did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

GRADUAL

Psalm 9:19, 3

☒ Arise, O Lord! Let not | man prevail;*
let the nations be judged be- | fore You!
When my enemies | turn back,*
they stumble and perish before Your | Presence.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:1-9

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in Love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord. Walk as children of Light (for the Fruit of Light is found in all that is good and right and true).

TRACT

Psalm 112:1-3a

☐ To You I lift | up my eyes,*

O You Who are enthroned in the | heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look

to the hand of their | master,*

so our eyes look to the Lord our God,

till He has Mercy up- | on us.

Have Mercy upon us, | O Lord,*

have Mercy up- | on us.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:14-28

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “*He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,*” while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven.

But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “**Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?**

For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out?

Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Finger of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.

When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.

When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "*Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!*"

But he said, "**Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!**"

**HYMN OF THE DAY
LORD OF OUR LIFE**

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RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



If this is your first attendance at Trinity Lutheran Church, we kindly ask that you speak with one of the Pastors before receiving the Lord's Supper.



We *believe* the Lord's Supper to be a participation in the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. We *teach* that under bread and wine Jesus delivers life and salvation to His church. We *confess* Jesus desires you to partake in this meal, and He instituted the Holy Ministry to serve His gifts with care.

The holy Apostles warn us in the Scriptures not to receive the Supper to our harm, thereby the Pastors would hope to know who you are and where you are from before they serve you what Christ has given. We are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (LCMS). If you are a member in good standing of one of our churches you can expect to be welcomed to our rail.

If you need help or prayer, would like to learn more about our congregation, or about attending Holy Communion in the future we will be honored to speak with you about these things.

See Matthew 26:26-28, John 20:19-23, 1 Corinthians 11:16, 26-28, Acts 2:42

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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**AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH
JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING
IN THE VERY MIDST OF LIFE**

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Postlude

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The A Cappella Choir from Concordia University Nebraska will give a concert here on **Sunday, March 15 at 4 PM**. Please bring your friends and family to this concert. We also are responsible for **hosting 70 students**. **Please sign up on the sheets on the Welcome Desk**. **The sheets provided also include allergy information.**

EASTER FLOWERS: We are collecting donations again to purchase flowers to beautify the altar on Easter. Please see **Terri Kellogg** at the welcome desk if you are willing to donate. Thank you!

Please fill out a pew card every Sunday. It helps with record keeping for congregation, District and Synod. Thank you. If you are not using electronic giving for your offerings, there are offering envelopes on the welcome desk. Take as many as you would like.

Readings for next Sunday (*Laetare*): Exodus 16:2-21; Galatians 4:21-31; John 6:1-15

Please join us for dinner before the Lenten Services. Thank you to those who signed up to provide the meals. Below are the meals that will be served. Please take a look at the sign up sheet on the Welcome Desk and sign up to help those who are providing the main dish with a side or dessert.

Thank you

March 11th - Green Family – Taco Bar

March 18th - Sam & Kaitlyn Sherrill - Soups

March 25th - Deb Cantrall - BBQ Brisket & Baked Beans

Community Ministry needs for March: Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Noodles, Canned Beans, Green Beans, Canned Corn, Diapers: sizes 5, 6, & 7

SERVING THIS WEEK AT TRINITY
Oculi March 8, 2026

Acolytes (*Sun.*) Thaddeus Morris, Caleb Sherrill
(*Wed.*) Ben Sherrill, Jeremiah Mulholland
Ushers David Forsyth, Rob Grossman, John Krudy, Benjamin Sherrill, Caleb Sherrill
Counters John Krudy, Susanna Weisel
Altar Guild (*Sun.*) Docia Love; (*Wed.*) Kathy Lock
Coffee Clean-Up The Weisel family

SERVING NEXT WEEK AT TRINITY
Laetare March 15, 2026

Acolytes (*Sun.*) Tim Wood, Greg Wood
(*Wed.*) Isaiah Brand, Sam Haas
Ushers Nathan Fehr, David Johnson, Tom Matson, Joshua Stuchlik, Joshua Weisel
Counters Docia Love, Joseph Clapp
Altar Guild (*Sun.*) Kathy Lock; (*Wed.*) Kathy Lock
CO-OP Choir
Coffee Clean-Up The Allison family

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TODAY 3/8 Oculi

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion
10:30 AM – Bible Class/Sunday School
11:30 AM – Adult Choir

TUESDAY 3/10

8 AM – Tuesday Crew
9 AM – Chapel
Trinity CO-OP

WEDNESDAY 3/11

9 AM – *Trinity Ladies @ Sunrise, Sunset, 1424 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood*
5 PM – Adult Handbells
5:15 PM – Lenten Dinner

6:30 PM – Lent Divine Service

THURSDAY 3/12

Trinity CO-OP
11 AM – Bible Class

NEXT SUNDAY 3/15 Laetare

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion
10:30 AM – Bible Class/Sunday School
11:30 AM – Adult Choir

4 PM Concert by A Cappella Choir of Concordia - Seward