



## The Third Sunday in Lent – March 23, 2025

### Prelude

**“AS SURELY AS I LIVE,” GOD SAID**

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**DIVINE SERVICE I**

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**INTROIT**

*Psalm 5:4-8; antiphon: Ps. 1:6*



**P** For the Lord knows the way of the | Righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

**G** For You are not a God Who delights in | wickedness;\*  
evil may not | dwell with You.

**P** The boastful shall not stand be- | fore Your eyes;\*  
You hate all evil- | doers.

**G** You destroy those who | speak lies;\*  
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.

**P** But I, through the abundance of Your Steadfast Love,  
will enter | Your House.\*

I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the | fear of You.

**G** Lead me, O Lord, in Your Righteousness  
because of my | enemies;\*  
make Your Way straight be- | fore me.

**G** Glory be to the Father and | to the + Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** For the Lord knows the way of the | Righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

**KYRIE**

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**P** 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. **G Amen.** *Sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

## **Ezekiel 33:7-20**

**So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a Word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.**

**And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?**

**And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.**

Yet your people say, 'The Way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, 'The Way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

Gradual for Lent (3 Year series)

(Congregation)

Hebrews 12:2

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Come, let us fix our eyes on Je - sus, the Pi-o-neer and Per-

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fect-er of our faith, Who for the joy set be - fore Him

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en-dured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the

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throne of God. Come, let us fix our eyes on Je -

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sus, the Pi-o-neer and Per - fect-er of our faith.

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## EPISTLE

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the Cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the Cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, *“The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”* We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. *Stand*

## VERSE

## 2 Peter 3:9 b, c

☐ [The Lord] is patient toward you,  
not wishing that any should | perish,  
but that all should reach re- | pentance.

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And He answered them, **Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you**

repent, you will all likewise perish.

And He told this parable: **A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’**

And he answered him, **‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**MAY GOD BESTOW ON US HIS GRACE**

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## **SERMON**

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

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P: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”** You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to the Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, **“Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father Who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father Who is in heaven.”** Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts God gave you in Baptism? R: Yes, I do.

P: Do you renounce the devil? **R: Yes, I renounce him.**

P: Do you renounce all his works? **R: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce all his ways? **R: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**R: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God? **R: I do.**

P: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true? **R: I do.**

P: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully? **R: I do, by the grace of God.**

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death? **R: I do, by the grace of God.**

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R: I do, by the grace of God.**

P: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He Who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the Day of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

**Connor Gage Gierstorf (Snell); Reese Silas Gierstorf (Snell),** the Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting. **R: Amen.**

**Connor:** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the New has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17.

**Reese:** In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 2:26,27.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving Name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the Day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

p: Peace + be with you. **C: Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

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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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**JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE**

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**THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR**

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**GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER**

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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Nunc dimittis***

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**Postlude**

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**Lenten Wednesday Meal this week is by the Larkin family.**

**Young Adult bible study is every Monday from 4pm-6pm. Please invite your friends!**



**WOULD YOU LIKE A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY?** There are a lot of changes since the first printing. Please send a note to: [PastorBauer@GoToTrinity.com](mailto:PastorBauer@GoToTrinity.com) Before printing begins send **Pastor Bauer** a note if you would like a new picture in the directory for you or your family.

**Trinity Homeschool Cooperative is accepting applications for the 25/26 school year.** Prospective families can schedule a tour on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Call/Text us at call/text (720) 306-1661 or visit us at [www.trinitylutheranchurchdenver.com](http://www.trinitylutheranchurchdenver.com) .

### **FOR VISITORS AND MEMBERS ALIKE:**

**Please fill out the cards in the pews every time you come to church.** It helps with our record keeping and helps our pastors to fill out their reports to district and to council members who make and take suggestions for the organization of our church. Thank you.

**For newer members**, there should be a mailbox for you in the hallway across from the bathrooms. If you do not have one, please contact **Nancy Brennan** at [njbrennan@comcast.net](mailto:njbrennan@comcast.net) or put a note in my mailbox. Thank you.

**Community Ministry** food needs for March: Canned Black or Pinto Beans, Corn, Diapers – size 4 & 5, Adult & Children's coats, hoodies, and sweaters

### **March for Life is coming to Colorado!**

Friday April 11th

Colorado State Capitol Building,  
200 E Colfax Ave, Denver.

9:30 - LCMS prayer service @ Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (500 Drake St, Denver CO 80221)

11:00 - Rally

12:00 - March

We'll have a bus coming from the north, with stops at Faith in Johnstown and Mt. Zion in Denver.

Contact Deaconess Sara Smith to reserve a seat on the bus, [DistrictLifeCoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:DistrictLifeCoordinator@gmail.com), 513-509-8108 (call or text).

Come to the Prayer Service and ride the bus to the March! Seats are limited. Make your reservation early!

Please help us make this a success and show Colorado that Lutherans are here and we support life!

**Poster Making** at Trinity Lutheran Church- supplies will be provided or bring your favorites to decorate!

3/12 & 3/19 - Wed before/after service; 3/22 - Sat 10-12; 4/5 - Sat 10/12  
For those unable to attend, extra posters will be provided to decorate at home.

Would you like a shirt pertaining to the **September Suicide Walk**? The more orders, the cheaper the shirt. Right now they are being sold for \$20 each. Thrivent Financial Action program is helping with some of the cost. There are 3 choices. Solid purple is the color of 2 t-shirt styles and there is also the baseball style with purple sleeves/white body. Place your order with Dawn Clevenger, 507-298-0152. Deadline April 13th. Thank you.

**Looking for a way to help? Sunday morning coffee and donuts** are now being provided on a volunteer basis. If you would like to help, please sign up for any available slot on the sign up sheet on the welcome desk. You will receive a reminder call or text on the Friday beforehand. All proceeds from coffee hour will be used to help support the various programs that Trinity supports, such as the Homeschool Co-Op, Nurturing Newborns, and more. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Sherrill.

### **THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

#### **The Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025**

**Acolytes** *Sunday & Wednesday:* Jonah Malloreoy, Isaiah Brand  
**Ushers** Jeremiah Basham, Jim Behrmann, David Germeroth, Christian Sherrill,  
Peter Sherrill  
**Counters** Docia Love, Joseph Clapp  
**Altar Guild** *Sunday:* Docia Love; *Wednesday:* Kathy Lock  
**Coffee Clean-up** Ruth Delin

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK AT TRINITY**

#### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025**

**Acolytes** *Sunday & Wednesday:* Marshall Ferris, Tim Mixell  
**Ushers** James Kellogg, Jeremy Kellogg, Jeremiah Mulholland, Jim Malloreoy,  
Joshua Malloreoy  
**Counters** Nathan Fehr, Reid Bungard  
**Altar Guild** *Sunday:* Shannon Mixell; *Wednesday:* Gabby Stuchlik  
**Coffee Clean-up** Allison family

**TODAY 3/23 Third Sunday in Lent**

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion

10:30 AM – Bible Class/Sunday School

11:35 – Adult Choir

**MONDAY 3/24**

Young Adult Bible Study 4-6 PM

**TUESDAY 3/25**

8 AM – Tuesday Crew

9 AM – Chapel

Trinity Co-op

9 AM – Trinity Ladies @ Sunrise, Sunset, 1424 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood

**WEDNESDAY 3/26**

Adult Handbells 5:15 PM

Lent Dinner

**Lent Wednesday Divine Service 6:30 PM**

**THURSDAY 3/27**

Trinity Co-op

11 AM – Bible Class

**NEXT SUNDAY 3/30 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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