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**one  
man's**

obedience

*the many  
will be made  
righteous.*

Romans 5:19, NRSV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.  
We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Lent opposites: sin and grace**

**February 22, 2026**

Lent 1

The church season of Lent presents us with opposites that affect our entire existence.

Sin and grace are opposites. On the one hand are mankind, sin, punishment, and death. On the other hand are God, grace, forgiveness, and life. May God be gracious to us and bless us!

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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*Remain seated.*

P: Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

**C: And also to you.**

#### **RESPONSIVE VERSES FOR LENT**

P: In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

**C: Always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have.**

P: Though we do not see Jesus now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy;

**C: we are receiving the goal of faith, the salvation of souls.**

P: We know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that we were redeemed,

**C: but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**

P: Christ died for sins once for all,

**C: the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God.**

P: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,

**C: that we might die to sins and live for righteousness.**

P: Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

**C: Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.**

P: The God of all grace, who called us to his eternal glory in Christ, will restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast.

**C: To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him. Our faith and hope are in you. Help us, as strangers in this world, to stay away from sinful desires and to be holy as you are holy. Inspire us to love each other deeply. Provide us the strength to use whatever gifts you give us to serve others, so that in all things you may be praised through Jesus Christ.

**C: To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 395 *What Grace is This*



1 What grace is this! My Lord and King  
2 What grace is this— that ver - y God  
3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,  
4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -  
would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a  
he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the  
With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.  
road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.  
Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.  
Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths and gently laid in manger-trough,  
he's taken, dead, from wretched cross and wrapped again for me.  
6 What grace is this? How can it be?  
He wears this raw humility to lift me to eternity.  
Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson—Genesis 3:1-15**

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”

“No! You will certainly not die,” the serpent said to the woman. “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

And he said, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

Then he asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

The man replied, “The woman you gave to be with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.”

So the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?”

And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 46 (Congregation 8:00 a.m.) (Junior Choir 10:30 a.m.)*

*Refrain*




If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?

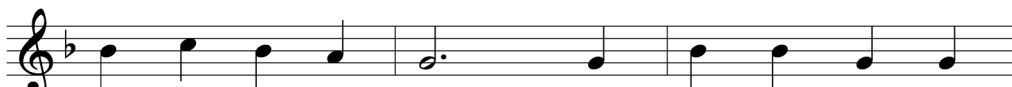


God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.


*Verses*




1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, an  
2 A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the  
3 Be - hold the won - drous deeds of God, who




ev - er pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the  
cit - y of our God, the ho - ly dwell - ing  
caus - es wars to cease, the weap - ons of the



earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid; though  
of the LORD, the place of God's a - bode. Since  
strong de - stroyed, God brings a - bid - ing peace. "Be



hills in - to the seas be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,  
God is in the midst of it, our safe - ty is se - cure;  
still and know that I am God, ex - alt - ed ev - er - more;"



the LORD of hosts is by our side, a  
the LORD of hosts is by our side, a  
the LORD of hosts is by our side, a



ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*  
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**Second Lesson – Romans 5:12-19**

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned. In fact, sin was in the world before the law, but sin is not charged to a person’s account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam’s transgression. He is a type of the Coming One.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if by the one man’s trespass the many died, how much more have the grace of God and the gift which comes through the grace of the one man Jesus Christ overflowed to the many. And the gift is not like the one man’s sin, because from one sin came the judgment, resulting in condemnation, but from many trespasses came the gift, resulting in justification. If by the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

So then, as through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone, so also through one righteous act there is justification leading to life for everyone. For just as through one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*Refrain*

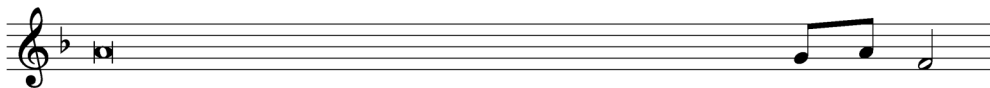


Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

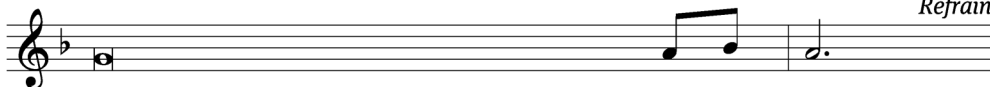


Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

*Tone*



We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weak - ness - es;



we have one who has been tempted in every way,  
just as we are—yet he did not sin.

*Refrain*

**Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. Then the tempter approached him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

He answered, “It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took him to the holy city, had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will give his angels orders concerning you, and they will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus told him, “It is also written: Do not test the Lord your God.”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. And he said to him, “I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me.”

Then Jesus told him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”

Then the devil left him, and angels came and began to serve him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

*Hymn 574 The Tree of Life*



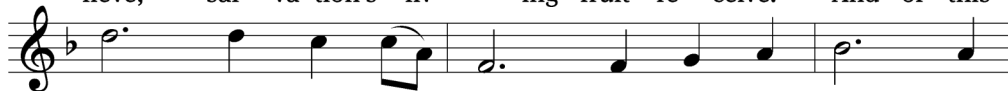
1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good in E - den's  
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove was bro - ken  
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, a plan of  
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, and of its fruit so pure and  
as the ser - pent strove with tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
res - cue by his grace, in send - ing One from wom - an's  
ter - nal in his name; for all who trust and will be -



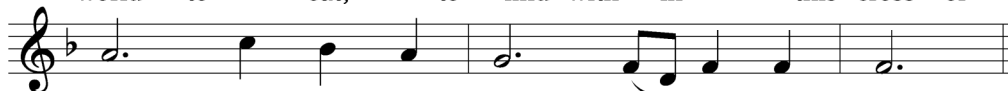
sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
guile and Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
seed, the One to fill our great - est need— for on a  
lieve, sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew an - oth - er tree, of  
sad - ness when the breath of fear and dark - ness,  
tree up - lift - ed high his on - ly Son for  
fruit so pure and sweet the Lord in - vites the



which they knew; its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
doubt and death, its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
sin would die, would drink the cup of scorn and  
world to eat, to find with - in this cross of



dorned a - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
played with - in the world so new - ly made.  
dread to crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
wood the tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

Sermon—Romans 5:12-19  
*Lent opposites: sin and grace*

**OFFERING**

*We give in deep appreciation for Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. We give our offerings regularly and generously in proportion to what we have to support the work of telling the gospel through our church and school.*

*You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.*

*The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.*

*Thank you for your offerings.*



**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Please stand.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Preserve us in the evil hour, dear Lord, and in the time of hard testing. Help us to see that we do not fight our battles against flesh and blood alone but against the spiritual forces of evil, the devil, and all his demons. Give us strength in you and in your mighty power, and shield us by faith in Christ, the conqueror, who has trampled the serpent under his feet. Keep us safe in Jesus from every lie of our enemy, every false promise of the world, and every weakness of our sinful nature.

Remember now those who are especially on our hearts:

*Silent prayer*

So we place in your care all who are struggling against great temptation. Strengthen those who still stand. Restore those who have fallen and given up. And give us all your grace in this sad and uncertain life, that we may remain faithful to the end and receive the promised crown.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

### **Christian Questions**

(These are taken from the questions on pages 295-296 in the hymnal.)

P: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**C: Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.**

P: How do you know this?

**C: I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

P: Are you sorry for your sins?

**C: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

P: What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

**C: I deserve his wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

P: Are you convinced that you are saved?

**C: Yes, such is my confidence.**

P: In whom do you trust?

**C: I trust in my dear Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God, true God and true man.**

P: What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?

**C: He died for me and shed his blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

P: How do you know this?

**C: I know this from the holy gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Christian Questions (continued)

P: Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

C: Yes, I believe it.

P: What moves you to believe this?

C: I am moved to believe this by the words of Christ, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant."

P: What does Christ want you to do when you eat his body and drink his blood in the Lord's Supper?

C: Christ wants me to remember and proclaim his death and the pouring out of his blood as he taught me: "Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: Finally, why do you desire to receive Holy Communion?

C: I desire to do this so that I learn to believe that Christ out of great love died for *my* sins and that I also learn from him to love God and my neighbor.

## 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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor. He is glad to speak with you.*

*Distribution Hymn 558      Salvation unto Us Has Come  
(See Christian Worship Hymnal)*

P: Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing our faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift our hearts with your forgiveness, renew our confidence in your grace, empower our love for others, and lead us to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Song                  Junior choir    (10:30 a.m. service)

*Christ, the true and better Adam; Son of God and Son of Man.*

*Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned.*

*He who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again.*

*Dying, he reversed the curse; then rising, crushed the serpent's head.*

*Christ, the true and better Isaac; humble Son of sacrifice,  
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life.  
Laid with faith upon the altar, Father's joy and only son;  
There salvation was provided, oh what full and boundless love.*

*Amen, amen, from beginning to end.*

*Christ the story, his the glory; Alleluia, Amen!*

*Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home;  
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known.  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two;  
See the veil is torn forever, cleansed with blood we pass now through.*

*Amen, amen, from beginning to end.*

*Christ the story, his the glory; Alleluia, Amen!*

*Christ, the true and better David; lowly shepherd, mighty king.  
He the champion in the battle. Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
In our place he bled and conquered; crown him Lord of majesty.  
His shall be the throne forever; we shall e'er his people be.*

*Amen, amen, from beginning to end.*

*Christ the story, his the glory; Alleluia, Amen!*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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**Accompanist: Joanna Grassell**

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## **Sunday Education**

Sunday education for children begins at 9:15 a.m. There will be a congregational meeting and review of the annual report for the adults at 9:15 a.m.

## **Voters' meeting**

There is a voters' today between services. This meeting gives us an opportunity to review and discuss our overall ministry through the annual report.

## **Lent midweek services**

The Lent midweek services will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. through March 25. Weekly Lent suppers begin at 5:30 p.m.

## **Lent suppers**

We are still in need of hosts for Lent suppers for three more dates in March. See the poster near the restrooms to sign up or our church's weekly email. Please bring a dessert to share if you are able.

## **Evergreen choir**

The Evergreen choir will be singing in our mid-week Lent service this Wednesday, February 25.

## **Thrivent grants**

If you have a Thrivent account that allows you to apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant, and are willing to use it to support a church event, please email the office at *secretary@htls-wa.net*.

## **Housing need**

One of our members is in need of new housing within 90 days. If you know of something available, contact our president, Dan Smith, at 253-569-1682.

## **This week at Holy Trinity**

Today ..... 9:15 a.m. Voters' meeting  
Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study  
Wednesday..... 5:30 p.m. Lent supper  
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. Lent service