



Therefore,

THE PROMISE COMES BY FAITH,
SO THAT IT MAY BE BY GRACE
AND MAY BE GUARANTEED
TO ALL ABRAHAM'S OFFSPRING.

ROMANS 4:16, NIV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Lent opposites: works and faith

March 1, 2026

Lent 2

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

Works and faith are opposites. Relying on works comes naturally to us, but it never works, not with God. God credits righteousness to faith. May God strengthen us and keep us firm in Christian faith!

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

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.

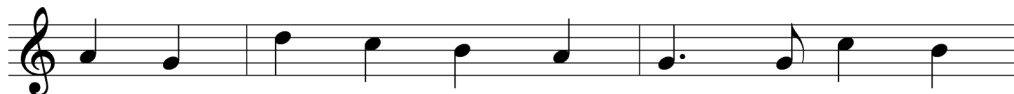
God of all grace, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him. Our faith and hope are in you. Help us, as strangers in this world, to stay away from sinful desires and to be holy as you are holy. Inspire us to love each other deeply. Provide us the strength to use whatever gifts you give us to 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 563 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 12:1-8

The LORD said to Abram:

“Go from your land,
your relatives,
and your father’s house
to the land that I will show you.
I will make you into a great nation,
I will bless you,
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt,
and all the peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated, and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the site of Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. (At that time the Canaanites were in the land.) The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. He built an altar to the LORD there, and he called on the name of the LORD.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

Refrain



I lift up my eyes to the moun-tains, from where shall come my



help? My help shall come from the One who has made the



heav - ens and the earth, the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

Tone



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
where does my help / come from?

My help comes / from the LORD,
the maker of / heaven and earth.

He will not let your / foot slip—
he who watches over you will not / slumber;
indeed, he who watches over / Israel
will neither / slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—
the LORD is your shade / at your right hand.

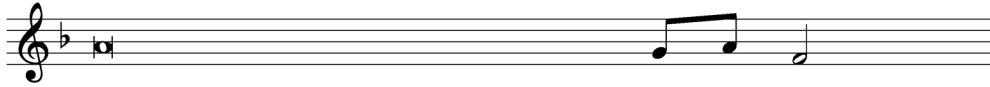
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
he will watch / over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
both now and for- / evermore.

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. *Refrain*

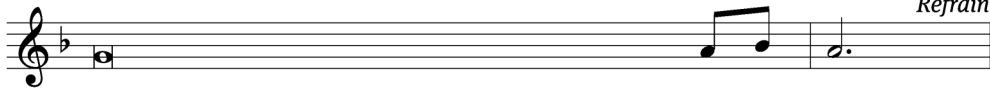


Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and on - ly Son,



that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have e - ter - nal life.

Gospel—John 3:1-17

There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to him at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him.”

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

“How can anyone be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked him. “Can he enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again. The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

“Are you a teacher of Israel and don’t know these things?” Jesus replied. “Truly I tell you, we speak what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you do not accept our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven — the Son of Man.

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 559 *If Your Beloved Son, O God*



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, had not to earth de -
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de - spair no more reigns
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sor - row
 4 All right - eous - ness by works is vain; the law brings con - dem -
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my



scend - ed and in our mor - tal flesh and blood had not sin's
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, for Christ has
 ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; his blood from
 na - tion. True right - eous - ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine in
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace thro' him I now ob - tain; he
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, has
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.
 wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, and pure I stand be - fore him.
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; in him my hope is an - chored.
 good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

Sermon—Romans 4:1-5,13-17

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

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

Dear life-giving Holy Spirit, we are eternally grateful for the amazing miracle you have worked in our hearts through your powerful gospel. Forgive us for the times we've taken this gift for granted or have treated it as a small thing. By the ongoing comfort of pardon from all sin through the merit of Jesus, continue to strengthen this faith you have given until faith becomes sight in heaven.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you see our young people growing up in an uncertain and confusing world. Send your Holy Spirit into their hearts so that

they may grow in grace and wisdom. Give them strength to resist temptation and courage to meet the challenges of each new day. Show them that following you is more satisfying than pursuing selfish goals. Make their unique gifts and youthful vitality a blessing to their families, to the church, and to all others their lives may touch.

Gracious heavenly Father, look with mercy on your servants who are facing new challenges and confronting change because of their increasing years. Grant them strength of body, peace of mind, and cheering companionship. Surround them with love and respect, concern and understanding. Enable them to accept assistance graciously and thankfully. As their time here on earth grows shorter, keep them strong in the faith, and assure them that you sustain them even to old age, through Christ our Lord.

Silent prayer.

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.**

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.

Hymn 811 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my
my zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister: Pastor Bart Brauer

Accompanist: Charlotte Farnworth

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Sunday Education

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m.

Lent suppers

We are still in need of hosts for two more Lent suppers on March 11 and 18. You may sign up on the bulletin board or using the link in the weekly email if you'd like to host. Please bring a dessert to share if you are able.

Bake sale—March 15

We're looking for bakers and buyers! Please have your baked items to the church kitchen on Saturday, March 14, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to be packaged and priced. Proceeds will be used for Easter breakfast and kitchen items.

Ladies group

The ladies group will meet on Saturday, March 14, at 9:00 a.m. to plan upcoming events, and to package items for the bake sale. All ladies are invited.

Easter breakfast

To make the Easter breakfast possible we need your help with food donations. See the weekly email to see what food we need and to sign up.

Choir rehearsal

We are getting a choir together for upcoming Easter/Holy Week services. A series of rehearsals will immediately follow late church service from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the church sanctuary or a classroom. All Holy Trinity members of any age are welcome! Rehearsals: Sunday, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 and March 29.

Men's retreat

The men's retreat will be April 24-26 at a new venue in Gig Harbor. See the poster in the entryway near the restrooms for more information.

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.

ELHS annual auction

The Evergreen Lutheran High School annual auction will be on April 18 at their campus in Tacoma. Please see the weekly email for more information.

School staff news

Katie Rath announced that she has accepted the call to serve as sixth-grade teacher at Holy Trinity. You may read her acceptance letter on the bulletin board. Ruth Schwark announced that she will resign from teaching fourth-grade at the end of this school year. You may read her resignation letter on the bulletin board.

This week at Holy Trinity

Today 11:45 a.m. Choir rehearsal
Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study
Wednesday..... 5:30 p.m. Lent supper
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. Lent service
Sunday 11:45 a.m. Choir rehearsal

Holy Week and Easter schedule

- Maundy Thursday (April 2)—7:00 p.m. with communion
 - Good Friday (April 3)—7:00 p.m.
 - Easter dawn service (April 5)—6:30 a.m.
 - Easter breakfast—7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 - Easter day service—9:30 a.m.