Trinity Lutheran Church

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Lenten Worship

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Blessed be the

God and Father

of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has blessed us in Christ

with every spiritual blessing

in the heavenly places...

EPHESIANS1:3

Wednesday, February 28th, 2024 Pastor Grant Fischer **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL** who enter this house of worship! Today the risen Christ calls all to faith as we come to receive his presence and promise of forgiveness & life.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available at the Greeting Table.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return it after services—thank you.

GATHERING

Please be silent and in reflection as we await Worship Service

GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.



OPENING PRAYER

O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray. **Amen.**



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Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, by the prophets,

but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being,

and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

Since we have confidence by the new and living way opened for us by Jesus,

let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

THE WORD

Ephesians 1:3-4

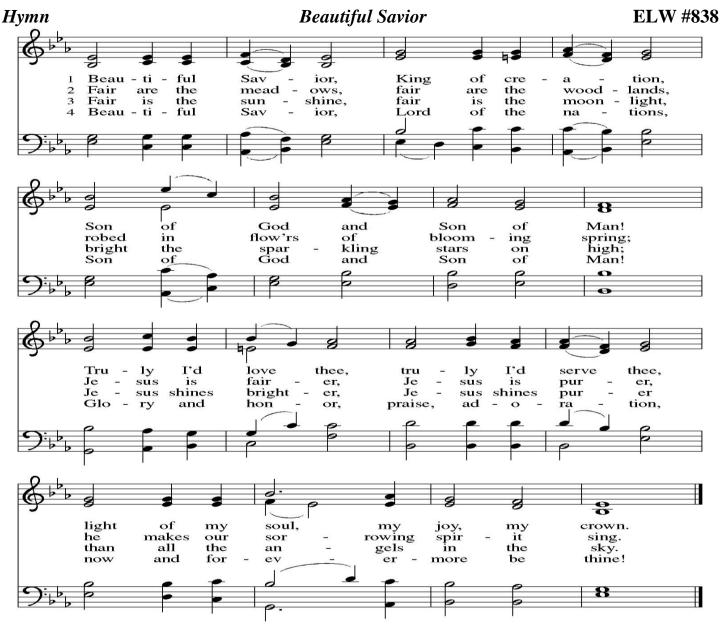
Pastor Grant Fischer

The reading is from Ephesians chapter 1, verses 3-4.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE



PRAYER

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, shower the world with your loving kindness, **that all may know your peace.** Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, **that all may know your love.**

Comfort the sick and dying, that all may know your mercy.

Guide our leaders in the way of truth, that all may know your justice.

Focus our hearts on the way of the cross, that all may have faith in you.

Let us pray in the words of Martin Luther:

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 87)

Lord's Prayer

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.





BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord someplace else. We will and thanks be to God.



Commercial: Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear: Nurturing Disciples In Home And Congregation – From Amazon – maybe or Augsburg Fortress Publishing, or https://www.abebooks.com/ or https://www.alibris.com

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

6:30 pm Wednesday Worship				
Accompanist	Mary Mulry			
Acolytes	Megan Sellner			
Readers	Megan Sellner			
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen			
Greeters	Carson Uecker, Blaine Arneson			
Ushers	Jon Hansen, AuDee Darnell, Callie Evers			
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner			



Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm each Wednesday. This Week we thank the Social Ministries Board. Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering.





Thank you to our Trinity family and WELCA for your prayers and help during Wade's illness. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues Cancer Treatments.

The Pedersen Family

All Wednesday Lenten service offerings are designated for the **General Fund**. Quarter folders and/or film canisters are available to fill with coins. The **Lenten quarter folders** as well as the **Lenten supper donations** have been designated for Green Lake Bible Camp Scholarships

MEALS THAT MATTER Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*





The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service and Church School at 6:30.

> We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering

March 6th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert Property Child Friendly Option

March 13th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert Evangelism and Stewardship Child Friendly Option

March 20th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and DessertLay Ministry & FellowshipChild Friendly Option



Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Worship 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship at 6:30 AM Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturda
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3 9 am- Holy Communion LO am Fellowship	4 9 am Quilting	5 7am-Men's Bible Study 10 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-AA	6 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper ~ Property Board 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6:30 Church School 6:30 pm Lenten Worship for all	7 7am-Men's Bible Study	8	9
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HAS BLESSEDUS in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing IN CHRIST.

Ephesians 1:3