

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**February 21,
2024**

Lenten Worship

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**YOU
SHALL
LOVE**

the Lord your God with all your
heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

**MATTHEW
22:37**

**Wednesday, February 21st, 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.

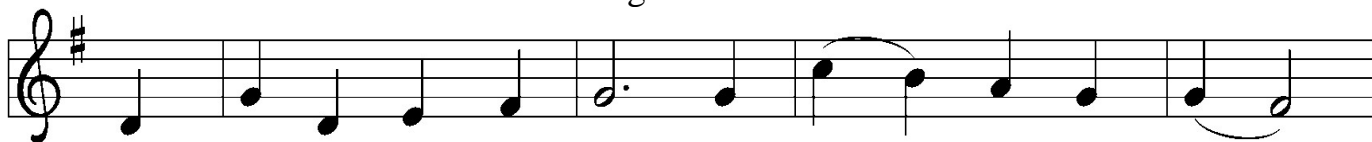
GATHERING

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.**

FIRST ACT OF WORSHIP Our Offering *We Give Thee But Thine Own* ELW 686



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

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.**

Silence

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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

Matthew 22:34-40

The reading is from Matthew chapter 22, verses 34-40.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

ELW #801

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
 Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
 You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.
 Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW #800

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its pul - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

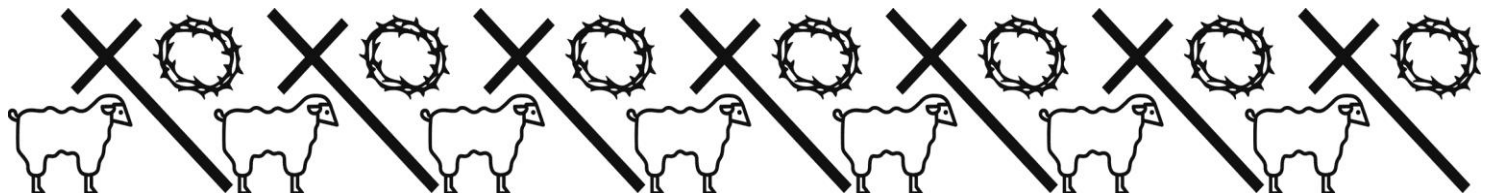
and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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	Kaden Braun
Readers	Levi Johnson
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Jacob Fulmer & Brayden Heiderscheidt
Ushers	Jon Hansen, Kaylie & Natalie Fulmer
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner



You shall love
your neighbor
as yourself.
Matthew 22:39