

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>,  
2024**

**Lenten Worship**

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**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Pastor Grant Fischer**

# “GOD’S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUR EVERY DAY”

*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**

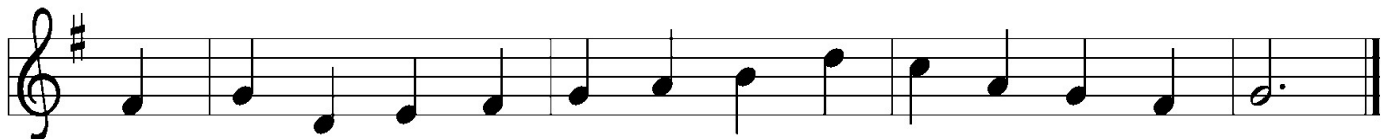
### GREETING

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

5 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.**

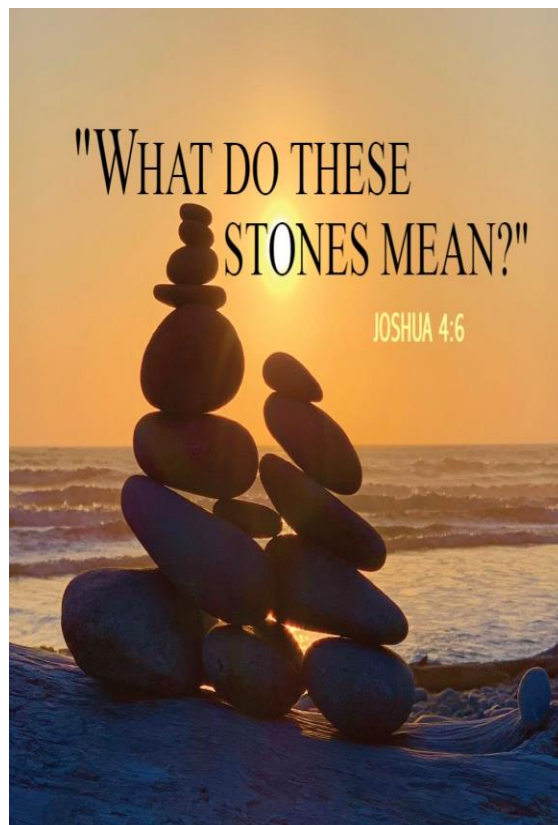
Since we have confidence by the new and living way opened for us by Jesus,  
**let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.**

### THE WORD

Joshua 4:1-7

The reading is from Joshua chapter 4, verses 1-7.

*When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua: Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."*



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

### MESSAGE

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1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## 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

### *Abide With Me*

### ELW #

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## 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	Kenley Jensen
Readers	Levi Johnson
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Shea Evers, Hayden Domeier
Ushers	Jon Hansen, Davin Suess, Michael Pool
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner



This Week we thank the Lay Ministry & Fellowship Boards.  
Thank you all for your support.

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



Thank You



**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 well enjoyed **Progressive Supper** is **BACK!** Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, to join in an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and great food. **Please sign up by April 14<sup>th</sup>.** We are in need of 4 hosts to open their homes for this event. Please contact Ashley Fischer at 507-766-2647 if you are willing to be a host. Watch for more details on time and cost in future church publications. A sign-up sheet is in the church office.

What is the Progressive Supper? Attendees will travel by car to enjoy each course of the meal at 4 different homes. Attendees will be asked to provide a dish for one of the four courses.





## **Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday - A Service of Healing-  
& Good Friday Worship at 6:30 PM**

## **Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Worship at 6:30 AM**

**Worship at 9:00 AM**

*Join Us For*

*Palm Sunday  
Cinnamon Rolls*

*With Coffee and Juice*

*Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>*

*10:00-11:00 Am*

*In the Church Library*

*(To Go Also Available)*

*Free Will Donations for Our  
WELCA Mission Projects*

*The women of Trinity Thank You.*