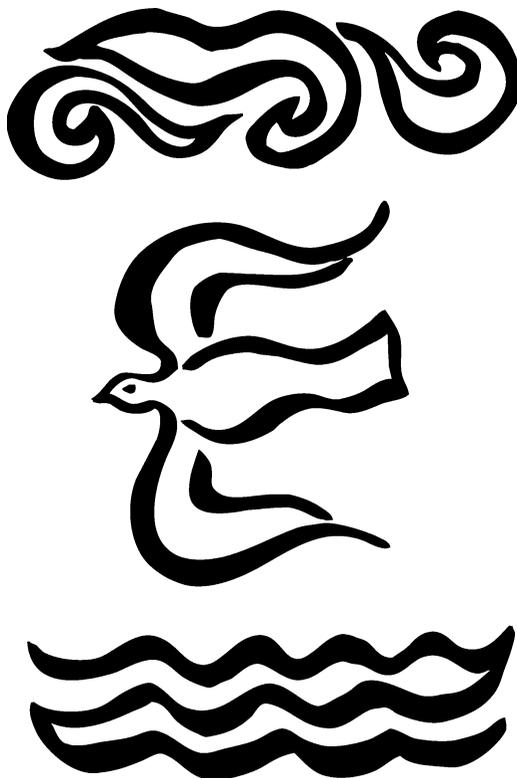


Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1st 2026

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

A Total Ministry Congregation

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Our Mission: To seek, know, love and serve
Christ in all persons and all Creation.

Ministers: All the Baptized
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley
Deacon: The Venerable Rev. Lee Grim
Reader: Carole Johnson
Music: Gerry & Jackie Guimond

The Bishop of Minnesota: The Rt. Rev. Craig W. Loya

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Sundays: 10:00 am
Services can also be viewed on KCC-TV

Hosea

Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*
to your heart where I will speak.
With ten - der - ness, you shall know. *(To refrain)*
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

*(Lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People)*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heav - en and earth.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

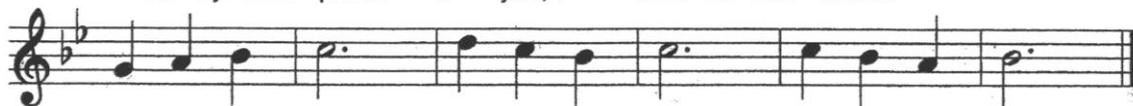
Gradual Hymn

GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU

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



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, glo - ry to you.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can 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. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

All who are able, please stand.

People and Celebrant

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us come before God in this Lententide, praising and blessing and adoring our everliving God, saying: In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

O God, who spoke through the prophets and who lives in the only begotten one, show to your church all things. Make us hear your purpose and receive your grace; confirm in your truth all the baptized, especially bishops and clergy, theologians and teachers, mystics and martyrs. In your glorious mercy:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of promise and deliverance, we thank you for birthing us in the waters of baptism and for drowning our death in your unending life. We beg that your love well up within us, that our whole lives may worship you. In your glorious mercy:

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the people of Israel, Sovereign of every nation, grant your vision of mercy and justice to all who rule in the earth. Prosper the labors of those seeking peace. Assist all who work for reconciliation in the streets and for reformation in prisons. In your glorious mercy:

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Holy One with the pierced limbs and side, bind us to all those who suffer. Keep us mindful of all innocent victims, all the oppressed, all the dying. Reveal to us those who are despised, the outcast, the alien, the forlorn. Look upon the sick. Summon us to restlessness until all who suffer find rest from their sorrow. In your glorious mercy:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in any need, especially Bruce Olson, Merrie Jo Chamberlain, Kris & Steve McClenney, Robin Monahan, Mike LeMieux, Michael Valdez, Meghan Finlayson, Mike Solomon, Wade Howe, Dave Karraffa, Kristi Jorgenson, Karen Cendejas, Sue Vidor. We pray for your mercy:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those involved in specialized licensed ministries throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota including lay preachers, worship leaders, catechists, Eucharistic ministers and visitors, and lay readers; and for our altar guilds, musicians and worship committees. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*) and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Int'l Falls). We pray for your mercy:

Lord, hear our prayer

God of Abraham and Sarah, the great I AM, we give you thanks for the signs of your radiant presence in the faith of our forebears. Bless us with awe to receive their testimony. Transfigure us by the gift of faith for our life's journey, until we behold face to face your glorious beauty, through Christ our Lord.

Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Silence.

Confession of Sin

All who are able, please kneel.

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

We Come To Ask Forgiveness Carey Landry

We come to ask your for-give-ness, O Lord, and we seek for -
give-ness from each oth-er. Some-times we build up walls in-stead of
brid-ges to peace, and we ask your for-give-ness, O Lord.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.



Some-times we build up walls in-stead of



brid-ges to peace, and we ask your for-give-ness, O Lord.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

All who are able, please stand

Offertory Hymn

Jesu, Jesu

Je - su Je - su fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.
1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, Neigh - bors are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their
D.C.
feet, Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
white, Neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
feet, This is the way we should live with you.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

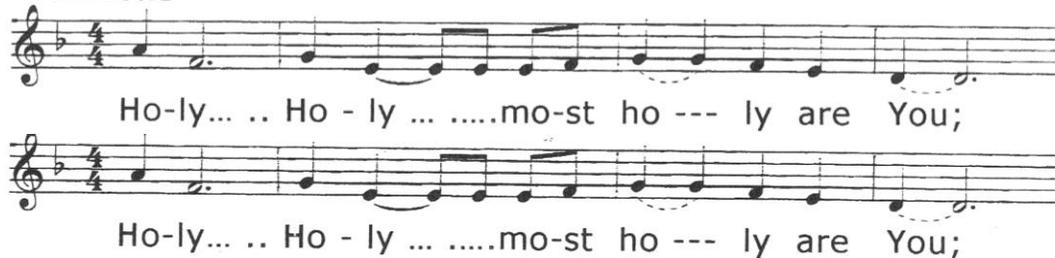
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



The cosmos proclaims Your glory. All creation stands in awe.

Word-made-Flesh gives us new vision, Open hearts to sing Your praise.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

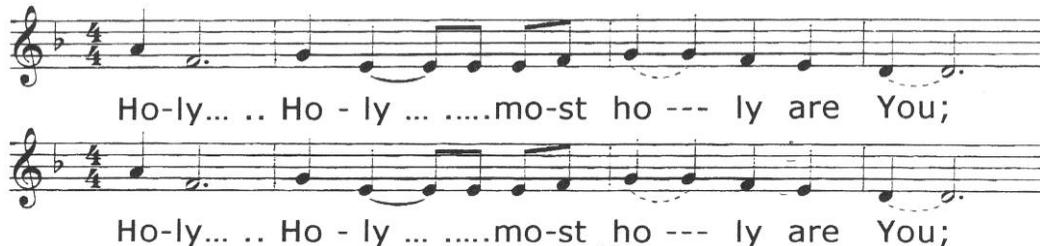
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Anamnesis



Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;
Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;

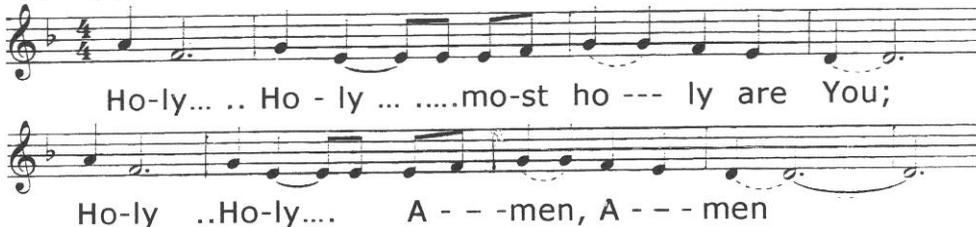
The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen



Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;
Ho-ly ..Ho-ly.... A - - -men, A - - - men

The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

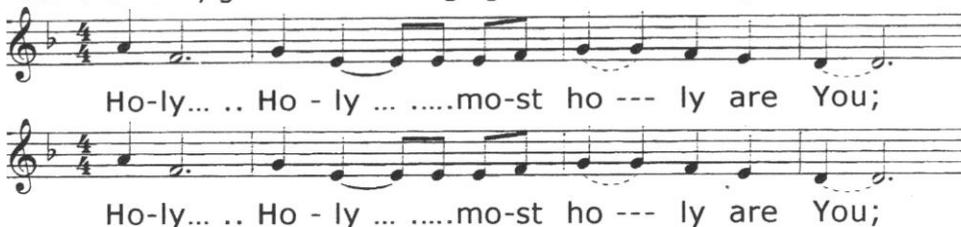
People and Celebrant

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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You are compassion, Lamb of God, You are one of us.

Lamb of God, give us Your longing ... To be messengers of peace.



Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;
Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;

The Celebrant breaks the bread

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is open to everyone

Communion Hymn

The Glory of Your Name

EUGENE O'REILLY, C.Ss.R.
Arr. by Douglas Mackey



1. You were bro - ken _____ that we may be
gi - ven _____ that we may re -



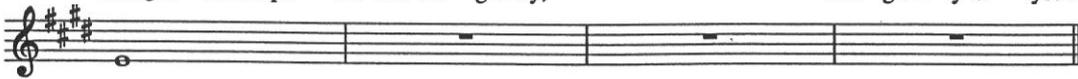
healed. _____ You were gen - tle _____ that we may be
ceive. _____ You were ta - ken _____ that we may be



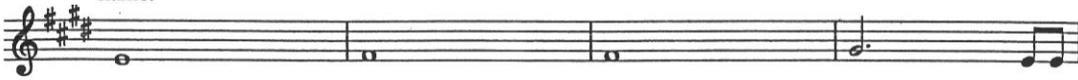
strong. _____ You were brought low for the world to see that in weak - ness is our
free. _____ You were poured out for the world to see that in weak - ness is our



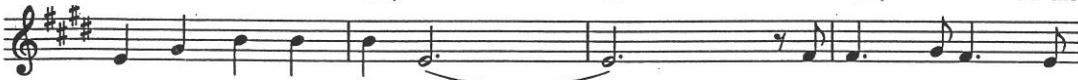
strength. In the po - wer and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your
strength. In the po - wer and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your



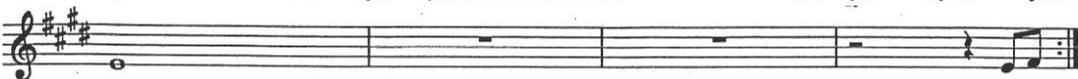
name.
name.



Je - - sus, Je - - sus, In the



po - wer and the glo - ry, _____ the glo - ry of your



name.

(verse 2) 2. You were

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All who are able, please stand or kneel

Celebrant and People

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn:

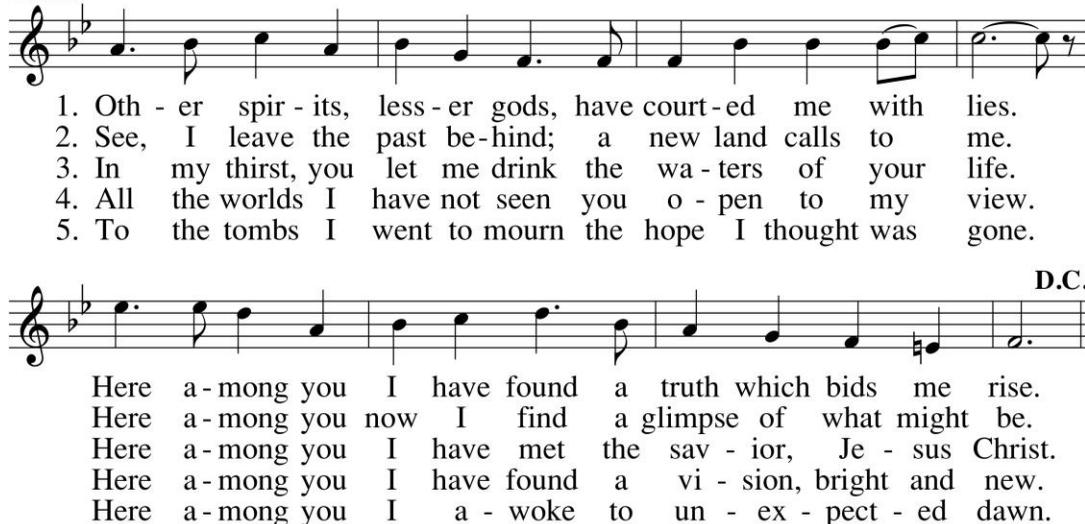
Jerusalem, My Destiny

Refrain



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
no-one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.

D.C.

Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.
Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit!

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Next Sunday: March 8th ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

Tuesday Mar. 3rd ~ Vestry Meeting 5:00pm



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Faith United Church of Christ,
First Lutheran Church & Zion Lutheran Church
cordially invite you to join us for our midweek Lenten series – ***Love***

Dates

Wednesdays, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

Time

6:00 pm soup supper
7:00 pm worship

Location

All will be at Zion Lutheran Church
530 6th Street, Int'l Falls



*March 8th - 14th ~ Mike Brennard
~ Carolyn Mount
~ Laura Smith*

*Congratulations to you: May your faith be true &
May God's love and blessing descend upon you!*

