

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



4th Sunday in Lent

March 15th 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.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley
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Reader: Georgeann Wright
Music: Gerry & Jackie Guimond

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

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Tree of Life



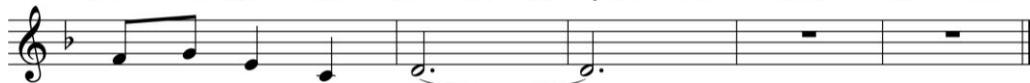
1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, In your
 2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we
 3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed
 4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -
 5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling



death we are re - born, Though you die in all of
 see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your
 on through act and word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -
 though our steps may be, One with you in joy and



his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you
 sto - ry We may die to rise a - new, We may
 bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our Lord, Wears the
 her - it If we bear the cross with you, If we
 sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 die to rise a - new.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 bear the cross with you.
 riv - er, you the sea.

4th Sunday: Give us eyes to see you clearly, Make us children of your light;
 Give us hearts to live more nearly As your gospel shining bright.

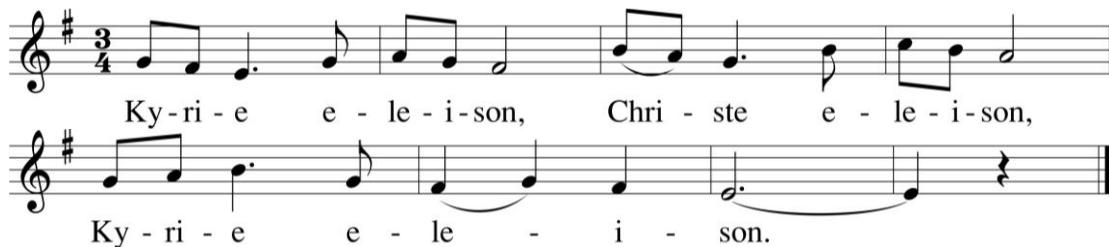
*(Lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People)*

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.**



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."

But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.".

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

God has consecrated us in baptism's gracious waters to be a holy people. That we may be ever anointed with gladness, let us turn to our God in prayer, saying: God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.

We pray for the church, for an end to division and indignation, for all the people washed and sent by Christ, and for a renewal of God's fulfilling Spirit: God of all gladness,

Have mercy upon us.

We pray for all who beg for life, for all baptismal candidates awaiting the pool of grace, and for hearts of devout faith: God of all gladness,

Have mercy upon us.

We pray for all who are called to govern in justice and peace, for an end to all works of darkness, for all the peoples created in God's image, and for a Spirit of wisdom and mercy to rule the mighty: God of all gladness,

Have mercy upon us.

We pray for all condemned to die, for all victims of illegal arrest and oppression, for all who are tortured, for their families, and for all who work for liberation: God of all gladness,

Have mercy upon us.

We pray for the forgotten and abandoned, for all who are in anguish, for the guilt-ridden, for all in need of the Spirit, for the sick, the grieving, and the dying, that they may be uplifted: God of all gladness,

Have mercy upon us.

For all brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, spouses and families, friends and companions, that there may be love and mutual reverence: God of all gladness,

Have mercy upon us.

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. God of all gladness.

Have mercy upon us.

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 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (*Int'l Falls*). God of all gladness.

Have mercy upon us.

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the children of light who have gone before us and now stand in your radiant countenance. Give us the light of Christ, that we may leap up in our darkness and rise from death at the last, into the life of gladness in 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



bridg-es 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



bridg-es 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

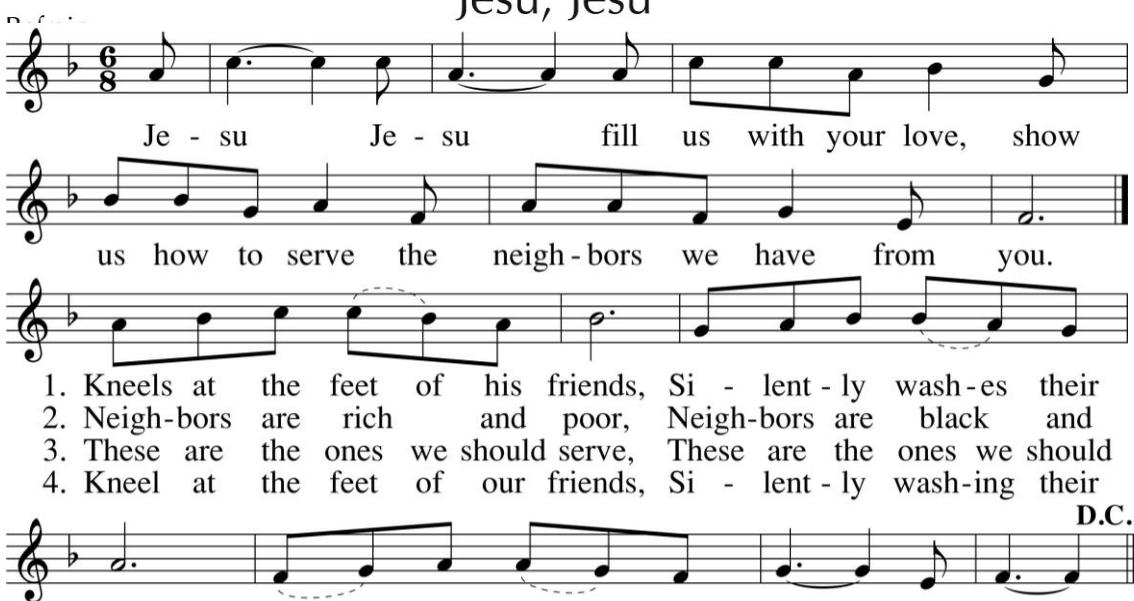
The Celebrant says

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

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. **D.C.**

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.

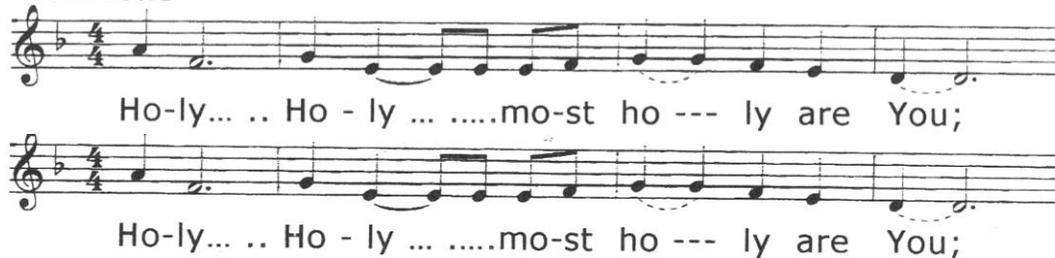
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

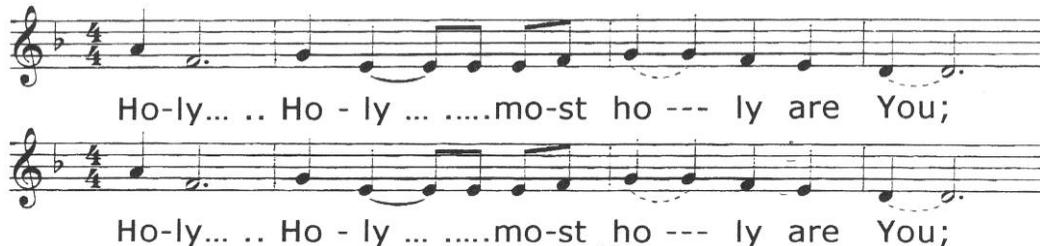
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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;

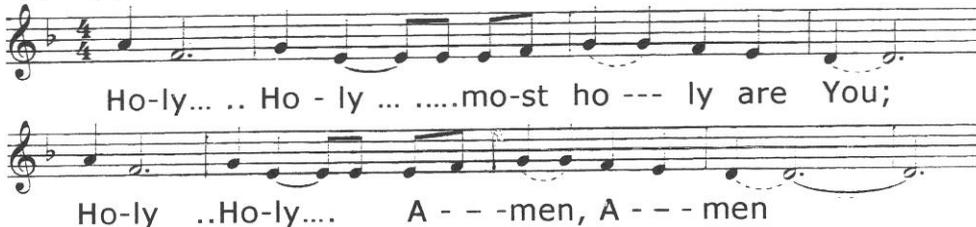
The Celebrant continues

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,

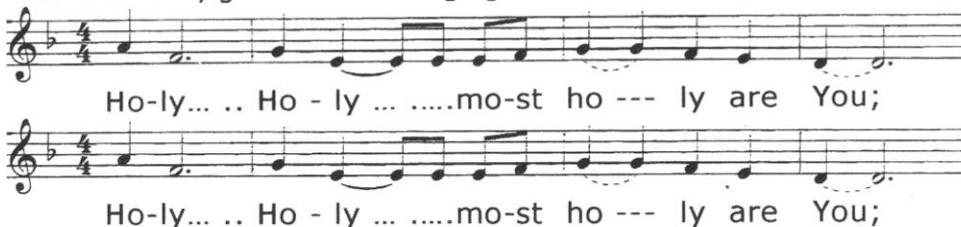
People and Celebrant

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

Open My Eyes



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.



O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. (*To verse 2*)
O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear. (*To bridge*)
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.



And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened,



and we'll hear like nev-er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways,



and we'll see God's face in plac-es we've nev-er known. D.C.

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

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn:

IN THESE DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY

Ricky Manalo, CSP



In these days of Len-ten jour-ney we have seen and we have heard



the call to sow jus-tice in the lives of those we serve.



1. We reach out to those who are home-less, to
2. We o - pen our eyes to the hun - gry and
3. We o - pen our ears to the wea - ry and
4. We call on the Spir - it of Jus - tice and



1. those who live with - out warmth. In the cool-ness of
2. see the fac - es of Christ. As we nour - ish all
3. hear the cry of the poor. To the voic - es that
4. pray for righ-teous-ness' sake. We will sing for the



1. eve - ning we'll shel - ter their dreams; we will
2. peo - ple who hun - ger for food, may their
3. ech - o the song of de - spair, we will
4. free - dom of all the op - pressed; we will



1. clothe them in mer - cy and peace.
2. faith in our God be re - newed.
3. show our com - pas - sion and care.
4. loos - en the bonds of dis - tress.

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 22nd ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



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, 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

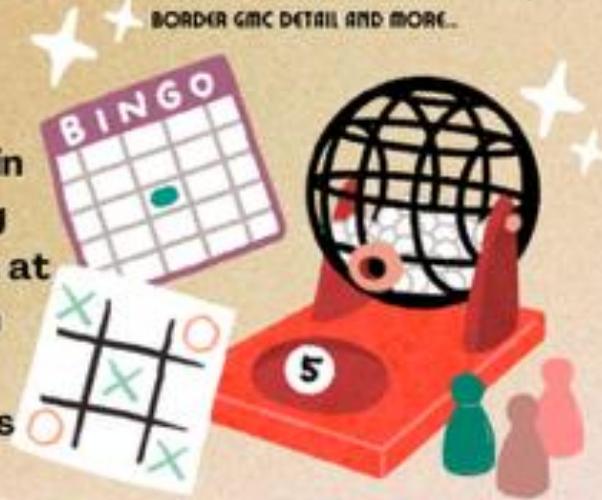
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BINGO

GEORGE FOREMAN AIR FRYER, PORTLAND LEATHER PURSE & WALLET,
BORDER GMC DETAIL AND MORE..

Taco in
a Bag
Lunch at
12 pm
and
games
at
2 PM

**Sun. March
22nd, 2026**



At the International Falls VFW
1416 3rd Ave. International
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