

Deacon's Discourse

Walking Through Lent Together

There is something sacred about doing hard and holy things together. Lent is one of those seasons. Lent slows us down. It invites reflection. It calls us to repentance, prayer, generosity, and deeper trust in God. But Lent is not meant to be walked alone. It is a journey for the whole body of Christ — children, youth, adults, grandparents — all of us learning side by side.

In Luke 4, Jesus faces temptation, hunger, and testing — and we are reminded that God meets us even in the hard places. That story isn't just for grown-ups. It isn't just for confirmation students. It is for all of us. This March, I invite you — no matter your age — to step into the rhythm of Lent together at Trinity.

Soup Suppers & Midweek Worship

There is holy work that happens around tables. When we gather for soup suppers, we practice simple hospitality. Children hear stories from elders. Youth help serve. Adults pause long enough to breathe. Then we move into worship — praying, singing, and reflecting as one community. Faith is formed not only in the Word and words we hear in worship but in shared spaces.

Bible Studies

Lent invites us deeper into Scripture and into honest conversation about how faith shapes our daily lives. This year we are offering two Wednesday opportunities following worship.

Adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a study based on *Good and Beautiful and Kind* by Rich Villodas. Together we will explore what it means to love like Jesus in a world that often feels hurried and divided — practicing a faith that is rooted in goodness, kindness and the beauty of all God created.

Youth in 5th grade through high school are invited to the Fireside Room for a study based on *Objects of Lent*, using everyday objects to help unpack the meaning of this season in creative and tangible ways.

Though these groups meet in different spaces, we are walking the same Lenten road — learning, questioning, and growing together as one church family.

Communion for All Ages

Communion for All Ages is exactly what it sounds like — an invitation for anyone preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time, and for anyone who simply wants a refresher on the beauty and meaning of the sacrament. Whether you are seven or seventy-seven, there is always more to discover at Christ's table. Together we will explore what it means that in bread and wine, Jesus meets us with forgiveness, grace, and promise. When we learn about Communion side by side, we remember that this is not a private moment but a shared feast — a gift given freely, not something we earn. The table belongs to Christ, and there is room for all of us.

Holy Week in an Hour

Sometimes the story from Palm Sunday to Easter morning can feel big and overwhelming. Holy Week in an Hour helps us step through it thoughtfully and intentionally. It allows children and adults alike to see the whole story — from celebration to betrayal, from cross to empty tomb — and to understand that God's love holds it all.

As part of this experience, we will also be creating "Faith on the Go" boxes for households to take home. These simple, meaningful boxes will include tools for worship, devotion, and prayer — whether you are gathered around your kitchen table or sitting in a gym between games, traveling to visit family, or away on vacation. These boxes are meant to support faith formation in every season of the church year, reminding us that worship and prayer are not confined to a building but woven into the rhythms of daily life.

Palm Sunday & Holy Week Worship

From waving palms to the quiet of Good Friday to the joy of Easter morning, Holy Week invites participation. We need the voices of children shouting "Hosanna!" We need youth reading Scripture. We need adults and elders grounding us in song and prayer. This is the story that shapes us. And it shapes us best when we experience it together.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 2:00PM–4:00PM Medary Conference Assembly : Off Site 	<p>02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Scouts Committee Meeting : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–9:00PM Stewardship Committee : Fellowship Hall
<p>08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jingle Change • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–6:45PM Board of Deacons Meeting : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:00AM Usher Training : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 10:40AM–10:55AM Usher Training : Sanctuary • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office
<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 3:00PM–4:30PM Communion Class : Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Preschool • 8:00AM–5:00PM Preschool Spring Conferences : Conference Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Preschool • 8:00AM–5:00PM Preschool Spring Conferences : Conference Room • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall
<p>29 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 9:45AM–10:45AM Coffee Hour & Holy Week in an Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30PM–6:30PM Lenten Soup Supper : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:15PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room ; Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 6:00PM–6:25PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal : Youth Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Lenten Evening Prayer Worship : Sanctuary • 7:00PM–8:15PM Youth Bible Study : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–7:45PM Lenten Book Study Group : Fellowship Hall 	<p>05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM SSL Class : Room 18 ; Arrow of Light & Webelo Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall 	<p>06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 10:00AM–1:00PM DSU Tabling : Off Site • 5:30PM–6:30PM Lenten Soup Supper : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:15PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room ; Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 6:00PM–6:25PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal : Youth Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Lenten Evening Prayer Worship : Sanctuary • 7:00PM–8:15PM Youth Bible Study : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–7:45PM Lenten Book Study Group : Fellowship Hall 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Arrow of Light & Webelo Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:15PM Lions & Tigers Den Meetings : Youth Room 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor's Visitation Week • 9:00AM–10:30AM Covenant Choir Party : Fireside Room
<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break–No Preschool • 5:30PM–6:15PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room ; Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM Lenten Soup Supper : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–6:25PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal : Youth Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Lenten Evening Prayer Worship : Sanctuary • 7:00PM–8:15PM Youth Bible Study : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–7:45PM Lenten Book Study Group : Fellowship Hall 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break–No Preschool • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:30PM Scouts Pack 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break–No Preschool • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>21</p>
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			<p>Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays</p> <p>Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday</p>

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In a world that often separates us by age, interest, or schedule, the church gets to model something different. We are one body. When we learn together, we build empathy. When we worship together, we strengthen belonging. When we serve together, we reflect Christ more clearly.

Faith is not meant to be compartmentalized by generation. It is meant to be shared — lived out across kitchen tables, in fellowship halls, in pews, and in quiet midweek moments.

This Lent, I encourage you to show up — even if your schedule feels full. Come for soup. Come for study. Come for worship. Bring your questions. Bring your children. Bring your doubts. Bring your hunger for hope.

We walk this road to the cross together. And we will rejoice at the empty tomb together.

Grace and peace,
Deacon Koren

Thank You

Whether you kept Kendra and our family in your thoughts and prayers over the last couple of years, helped us out financially, encouraged us with your kind words and deeds, or helped out in any other way please know that your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated and it will be remembered always.

John Paulson & Family

Due to the council and boards' retreat on January 31, no council meeting was held in February.

Lenten Soup Suppers



Wednesday soup suppers in the Fellowship Hall continue throughout the Lenten season through March 25. The Family Group Leaders will be contacting you to bring soups, setup, work, and cleanup. Your help is important and so appreciated to make

these soup suppers a special time of fellowship for our Trinity family.

Communion Class

This class will be at 3 p.m. on Mar. 22, and it will be for all ages.

Usher Training

As the volunteer committee has been reaching out and asking more of you to volunteer, we have had feedback that there's a need for an usher training course. We are happy to provide that on March 15th. We will be offering this training right after the first service at 9:45 and right before Celebration service at 10:40. We will meet at the back of the church and have a few minutes together to review the duties of an usher. Ron Jorgensen and Darrel Presuhn will be in charge of these meetings, and we hope to see you there. There is no need to sign up...just come. —Virginia Lemme, Chairperson Volunteer Committee



Financial Response as of 1/31/2026

Offering is \$12,444.13 below the mission plan.

The year-to-date statistics are:

General Offering (YTD)	\$18,389.20
Total Expenses (YTD)	\$28,630.51

Thank you for your generous support of Trinity's mission!

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

In Memory of Barb Feige
 Joel and Linda Brick
 Nancy Gilbert
 David and Robin Bettmann
 Dale and Glenda Thompson
 Marlys Schmidt
 Bruce and Marilyn Olson
 Sharon and Dan Carlson

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Thank you to Susan Williams, Ron & Roberta Janke, Jon & Mary Hunter, Jennifer Briggs, Karen Kalvig, and Karen Giles for serving Home Communion in February.



The Covenant Choir met on Valentine's Day. Nancy Sabbe and Maddie Olson stand with Maddie's bare crabapple branch that will hopefully 'transfigure' into beautiful blooms in a few weeks. The kids cut out and tied hearts onto their branches.

Join us for
It's possible

Bethel Lutheran Home
 Annual Dinner
 April 16, 2026
 Dakota Prairie Playhouse

Doors open at 5:30
Dessert dash
Pay It Forward Silent Auction

All proceeds directly benefit
Bethel Lutheran Home residents

Tickets/\$50—Table of 8/\$400
Reserve online at www.bethelcommunity.com/events
Or call 605.427.2195



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Return Service Requested

Financial Giving Options

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website (www.tlcmadison.com) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card.
- The Electronic Giving option through Vanco can also be initialized by filling out an application form in the church office.
- If you should have questions with any of these options or would like to discuss which one is the best option for you, please call Alex at the church office at 605-256-2771.

Mission of the Month

The March Mission of the Month is Church on the Street, a synodically authorized worshipping community of the ELCA with the unhoused, holding services where people are and meeting people where they are in this season of life. They offer support services as well for food, clothing, and good health.

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes/checks to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on March 8 also supports the Mission of the Month.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH

Congregational Information

Deaths: none

Baptisms: Easton Storm on February 1

Weddings: none

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for March is rice and boxed potatoes. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office.